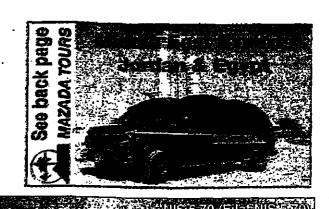


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me Minister Binyamin Netanyahu bows his head last night after laying a wreath by the panel of the Armored Corps Memorial ...ich bears his brother Yoni's name. Yoni Netanyahu, who was killed in the Entebbe raid in 1976, is one of the thousands of soldiers hose names are engraved on the memorial at Latrun.

Arafat: Nobody can threaten the Palestinians

IN his first major speech since September's violent clashes, Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat yesterday sharply attacked Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, warning that the Palestinians would not accept peace at any price.

In a 35-minute speech to the Palestinian legislative council in Ramallah, Arafat said, "We opted for peace, but we will not be forced to kneel for peace ... Netanyahu has to know that nobody can threaten the Palestinian people ... There is no doubt we must be prepared for all contingencies.'

The lead story in the Palestinian daily Al Hayat al Jadida, which is considered particularly close to Arafat, was an interview he gave to the Egyptian news magazine Al-Mussawar on Wednesday with the from Netanyahu to Arafat this

JON IMMANUEL and DAVID MAKOVSKY

banner headline, "Arafat cannot prevent an intifada." Arafat warned in the interview that "it could explode at any moment."

The Hasmonean Tunnel has taken a backseat to Israel's negotiating strategy on Hebron and the economic situation as the likely cause of renewed unrest.

Again accusing Netanyahu personally rather than the Israeli government, Arafat said, "Netanyahu is trying to change the agreements, directly or indirectly."

Arafat's chief negotiator Saeb Erekat said that the government is trying "to create two towns in Hebron and that is simply not acceptable."

US officials passed a message

Weizman, invites him to visit

week saying that Israel seeks to resolve the Hebron issue speedily. Despite this, it seems Arafat suspects that Netanyahu is seeking to drag out the talks beyond the US elections on November 5.

Perhaps as a sign of progress, top Palestinian and Israeli security officials met to discuss Hebron away from the Erez junction.

The meeting, believed to be held in the Tel Aviv area, between IDF Planning Branch head Maj.-Gen. Shaul Mofaz and the two heads of the PA Preventive Security, Col. Jibril Rajoub and Col. Mahmoud Dahlan, reportedly included US special Middle East peace coordinator Dennis Ross. According to Channel 2, Mofaz declared that redeployment in Hebron has been accepted as a political decision by the government.

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Closure of territories to be eased from Sunday

THE closure on the territories is to be eased significantly, removing the seal around most Palestiniancontrolled cities, allowing in 35,000 laborers and opening all the crossings in the Gaza Strip. IDF troops, however, will be kept at their current reinforced levels so that they can quickly respond to

any unrest. Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai ordered the steps after assessing the situation with top IDF and security commanders who met in his Tel Aviv office yesterday. Participating in the meet-Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, out the West Bank. The external take advantage of it," Mordechai

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Head of the General Security Service Ami Ayalon and others. Starting Sunday, Israel will raise the number of Palestinian workers from the territories allowed into Israel to 35,000, more than double the 14,000 currently being let in.
Mordechai also decided to lift all of the internal closures in the West

Bank except in Nablus. The closures had been eased last week around most Palestiniancontrolled cities, but now the residents of those cities will be ing were Chief of General Staff allowed to travel freely through-Police Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz, closure imposed in 1994 which

has barred most of the two million Palestinians from Israel remains in

Mordechai also ordered the Karni and Sufa Crossings to resume full operation in order to ease the movement of goods in and out of the Gaza Strip. The Defense Ministry stressed that all steps will be depend on security considerations.

"I hope that the lifting of closures and other significant easing of the closure approved today will contribute to a positive atmosphere between Israel and the Palestinian Authority and that the PA will not

JORDAN'S King Hussein telephoned

President Ezer Weizman in Caesarea yesterday evening to invite him to visit Jordan.

Hussein calls

Weizman responded that he would be happy to come to Amman after coordinating the visit with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu. Beit Hanassi spokeswoman Batya Keinan confirmed the conversation after the news was reported by Channel 1.

Only progress in the peace process will lead to a warming of relations with Jordan, Hussein reportedly told Weizman. He also expressed satisfaction at the Tuesday meeting between Weizman and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and at the president's upcoming visit to Cairo.

Weizman then telephoned Netanyahu and informed him of the call, Beit Hanassi said. Netanyahu approved the trip, according to accords reached with the Palestinians before he

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spokesman Shai Bazak.

Keinan had spent the entire day denying that there had been any contacts with the Jordanians. "We could not report this until the prime minister was informed," she explained later. Meanwhile, Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti said "there is a crisis" in

relations with Israel. "The situation in the Palestinian territories has grown to a level where all possibilities are

now being considered," Kabariti said. "God forbid, but if these possibilities develop into further violence, then everybody will suffer

and will pay the price." He specifically cited the failure of Netanyahu's government to implement took office four months ago. "We are very much appealing to the Israeli

government and to [Netanyahu] himself to seize control of the moment ... and show the statesmanship needed right now to save the process," Kabariti said. "This agreement has to be implemented. If it is not, then it will definitely have a very detrimental effect on all the relations that Israel successfully managed to build and has with its neighbors."

Kabariti said the invitation to Weizman was not meant to undermine Netanyahu's leadership. "We have no intention whatsoever to meddle in the internal affairs of Israel," he said. "Our peace with Israel is a peace with the people of Israel, as much as it is a peace with the govemment of Israel."

Another Jordanian cabinet minister also said (Continued on Page 18)

Solomon's Stables open to Moslem worshipers today

MOSLEM worshipers will be per-mitted to pray in the newly renovated Solomon's Stables next to Al-Aksa Mosque today, after the Jerusalem Municipality appeared to give its final approval yester-

Police also downplayed the controversy that occurred this week when the Wakf announced its plans to open the four dunams of vaulted, underground chambers, on which the city had threatened to stop work during the summer.

The restoration work on the site, known to Moslems as the Marawani prayer area, received the Jerusalem Municipality's approval yesterday during a visit by several senior city officials, apparently making the city's flipflop on the matter final, municipal sources said.

After the visit, a senior city official said. The order we took out in August to stop work is no longer relevant. The Wakf has complied with all of our demands and only carried out work for which no special permit was needed. I don't see any reason, at least from our point of view, that Solomon's Stables can't be

The municipality will present a statement declaring the work stoppage order irrelevant to the High Court next week, when it hears the Temple Mount Faithful's petition against opening the site, sources

Municipal legal adviser Assa Eliav and chief building inspector

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David Biton were among the municipal officials who toured Solomon's Stables yesterday

The municipality was cautious in its reaction to the planned opening. In a statement, the city spokesman said the municipality is coordinating its dealings on the matter with the government and security establishment, "in light of the special sensitivity which the

Wakf and security officials have sharply criticized the municipality for taking out the stop-work order in the first place, saying it only heightened Israeli-Palestinian tensions and that there were quieter ways to deal with the construction

"The municipality gave the false impression that the Wakf was building a new mosque on the Temple Mount, when that was not the case at all," a security source

Senior police officers also visit-ed Solomon's Stables yesterday, and reaffirmed the police wouldn't stand in the way of its opening.

"From our point of view, they can open up next week, or even in another month," said one senior

Police sources rejected reports that the opening might result in security problems, from either Moslem or Jewish extremists.

Wakf Director Adnan Husseini said the renovations are complete, but it would take several more days for the clean-up to be fin-(Continued on Page 18)



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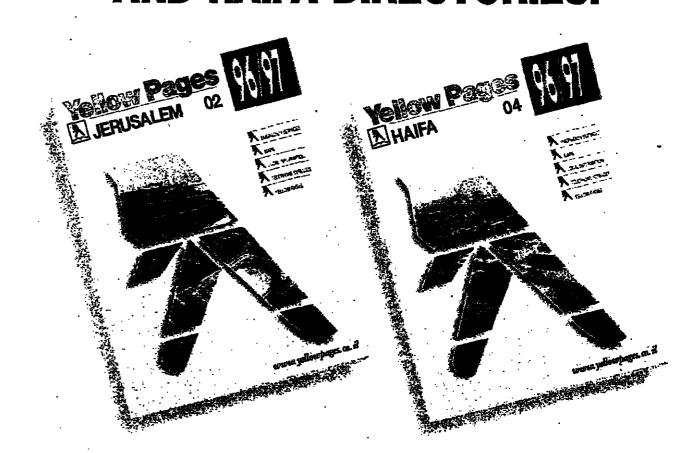
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Weizman: Arafat sending conflicting messages

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman yesterday chided Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat for saying he could not prevent the outbreak of

"This contradicts what Arafat told me this week" during his visit to Caesarea, Weizman said, adding that he had sent the PA head a message to this effect.

But Weizman at the same time intimated that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was not

"I hope [Netanyahu] will take up a few more matters," Weizman said, without specifying. "I would like to see another team taking it [the ironing out of difficulties with the peace process] out of my hands. I will be happy to go

Ben-Elissar

to request

US aid for

Palestinians

DAVID MAKOVSKY

AMBASSADOR to the US

Eliahu Ben-Elissar is expected

to soon phone Congressman Ben

Gillman (Republican-New York)

on behalf of Prime Minister

Binyamin Netanyahu and ask

that he release \$10 million in US

aid to the Palestinians being

held up since last November,

During a recent visit to the US.

Netanyahu acquiesced to a per-

sonal direct appeal by President

Bill Clinton that he phone Gillman and that the money be

Gillman has said that he is

holding up the money until

Yasser Arafat divulges the

extent of PLO assets. Clinton

believes a request from

Netanyahu would carry more

weight than an appeal from a

However, Netanyahu did not

act as promised, although the

reason remains unclear. This

failure to keep his word has

exacerbated the friction

between Netanyahu and the

Thus, it seems that the timing

of the Ben-Elissar phone call is

designed to narrow the points

of contention between the

Clinton administration and

Democratic president.

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sources said yesterday.

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back to my.house in Caesarea."

his blessing for my trip to Cairo."

The president refused to discuss rumors in the Hebrew press of strained relations with the Prime Minister's Office over the handling of the peace process and alleged charges that he was overstepping the limits of his position.

"Everything I do is coordinated with the prime minister." he said in reference to his etings with Arab leaders. "He has given me

The prime minister's spokesman, Shai Barak, refused to comment on the question of strained ties with Beit Hanassi or on Weizman's suggestion that Netanyahu be more

ment. Everything is coordinated with, and approved by, the prime minister," Bazak said

Observers in Jerusalem said that Weizman, who is seen as moderate, was being used as a pawn by the Arabs to delegitimize the Netanyahu government. This was part of a larger Arab plan to try and change the government in Israel, they said.

Weizman, who was criticized under the previous government for taking a political stand when he called on former premier Shimon Peres to "pause and think," was now under fire from the present government for allegedly taking too political a role, they noted.

Mubarak warns Israel of difficulties at economic forum

EGYPTIAN President Hosni Mubarak yesterday again warned Israel that it would face problems during the upcoming economic conference unless there is progress

in Middle East peace talks. "If the Israelis continue to refuse to carry out signed agreements, their presence at the economic conference will be difficult," he said. "We will not stop them from coming, but I hope the Israelis do something before the conference is held or Arab countries will create problems for them."

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Mubarak did not elaborate. "It is in Egypt's interest to hold the meeting and several international firms are willing to attend." he added.

The conference is considered important to the peace process because it will help integrate Israel into the region's economy, and Washington had insisted it be convened as scheduled.

The conference will take place from November 12 to 14, with 85

states and more than 25 international organizations present. "I have listened to Israel's

promises to remain committed to their agreements, but until now nothing has happened," Mubarak said. "I hope they make progress during the next few months." Mubarak meets President Ezer Weizman in Cairo on Monday.

Meanwhile, the National Infrastructure Ministry announced that Minister Ariel Sharon will visit Egypt very soon, at

Settlers threaten protest over continuing construction freeze

SETTLEMENT leaders threatened yesterday to "take off the gloves" and actively protest against the government if "the continuous freeze on building in Judea and Samaria" is not

"This government, a government we supported, is preventing continued building in the settle-ments," said Shaul Mizrahi, head of the Givat Ze'ev Local Council. He said that the government is preventing development not only in areas deep in the heart of the territories, like Elon Moreh or Yitzhar, but also in areas just a few minutes from Jerusalem, such as Givat Ze'ev and Ma'aleh

HERB KEINON

The anger of the settlement leaders came to a boil after Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, who must approve any construction in the settlements, refused to allow a meeting scheduled to deal with Ma'aleh Adumim residents who want to enclose their balconies.

A Defense Ministry spokesman said that Mordechai takes into consideration all legal and security considerations before given approval to construction.

Nisan Slomiansky, head of the Elkana Local Council, said he thinks the decision not to allow construction in the settlements, a few weeks after various plans at different stages of approval were given the okay, shows that the decision is politically motivated.

"I think the government is afraid that this will enrage the a march tomorrow night from the Arabs, and they will tell their settlement to the Lapid junction again," Slomianski said.

The Council of Jewish settlements is scheduled to hold an "emergency" meeting on the matter this morning, and draw up possible plans of action.

In a letter sent to all ministers in advance of today's cabinet meeting, Pinhas Wallerstein, head of the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, wrote: "The defense minister has refused requests by the Housing Ministry to sign contracts for the development of infrastructure around Jerusalem, in Ma'aleh Aduntim, Kiryat Sefer, and Betar Ilit. In the past, it was reported that these permits were already granted."

Wallerstein also protested that the government had empowered Mordechai to review every development project in the territories at a number of different stages. This constant re-review, settler leaders claim, will make it unlikely that any project will be approved In a related matter, Kiryat Arba

settlement leaders have called for igreement" on redeployment in Hebron. Though this was termed an "emergency" march, settlement leaders are still hesitant to say that it is against the present government.

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Palestinian policemen shield themselves from the dust and pebbles kicked up by Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's helicopter as it arrives in Ramallah, where he attended a Palestinian Council meeting yesterday.

MICHAL YUDELMAN

Labor slams Netanyahu

over 'deteriorating'

Peres added that "it's a matter of the relations with Jordan, Egypt, policy. Nothing comes back by and the Palestinians as a result of Binyamin

Speakers expressed profound concern vis-a-vis developments which might occur following the political difficulties with the Palestinians and Jordan, and voiced fear this would cause an even worse deterioration in rela-

tions with Egypt.

MK Efraim Sneh spoke of the crisis in relations with Jordan. "It is deeply troubling that the Israeli public doesn't know the stating that "Netanyahu screwed truth. Until I read Tom Friedman the whole thing up. The most important achievement in Israel's in The New York Times this morning, I too did not know what hapstrategy was the peace with pened in Washington, and that Jordan, the Arab state with which King Hussein attacked the governwe share the longest border. It was ment and Netanyahu in a very the warmest peace we had, the

relations with Arabs best that could be expected. But the irresponsible policy of one who does not understand how the Middle East works turned Jordan from a friend to an enemy. Egypt is in an even worse situation, as it was initially more distant from

MK Haim Ramon said that "Netanyahu didn't understand what we told him all along, that the peace with Jordan was conditional on peace with the Palestinians. He kept talking about the 'good' peace with Jordan and the 'bad' one with the Palestinians. He didn't grasp that when the peace with the Palestinians is stuck, it influences the situation in Jordan, whose king is carrying the whole weight of the peace on his back."

Explosion near synagogue worries Hungarian Jews

BUDAPEST (Reuter) - The explosion of a small bomb near Europe's largest synagogue heightened concern yesterday in Hungary's Jewish community that a pattern may be developing. The bomb exploded on

Wednesday night in Budapest in a dustbin near the Dohanyi Utca synagogue, which is across the street from the smaller Heroes'

Synagogue.
The blast scattered rubbish over a 20-meter radius, but caused no injuries or other damage, police

"It's a bit dangerous, but I suppose the police can catch these people," said Peter Feldmajer, president of the Confederation of Hungarian Jewish Communities.

"The police should see it is a serious thing. It is not a joke,"

Ramon: I arranged Deri-Abbas meeting

MK Haim Ramon, who arranged a "secret" meeting Wednesday night between Shas leader MK Aryeh Deri and Arafat's number two man Mahmoud Abbas, said yesterday that it was easier to hold such

THE Labor Party is deeply con-

cerned over the deterioration of

Party chairman Shimon Peres,

who spoke at Labor's executive

meeting yesterday, criticized

Netanyahu for not revealing the

confrontation and sharp exchange

with King Hussein at the

Minister

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harsh way," he said.

elections. Ramon said on Israel Radio that "meetings like this should have taken place before. But before the elections Shas's voters would have been more critical of it. Today, after Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu shook Arafat's hands and claimed he was

enchanted by him, it was easier."
Ramon said Abbas – who was curious about Deri, Shas and Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef's MICHAL YUDELMAN

positions - asked to meet Deri. Ramon approached Deri, who after consulting Yosef and advising Netanyahu, was glad to come

"It's important for Shas, which is the second largest party in the coalition and a moderate party, to meet the number two man in the Palestinian Authority," he added. Ramon said Abbas's main complaint was that for the past three

months, until this past Sunday, no negotiations were being held with the Palestinians at all. Dan Shomron, the head of the steering committee for negotiations with the Palestinians, came to one meeting and said he was not authorized to do anything, Abbas told Ramon.

"There are many problems between the two sides. If Netanyahu had said let's sit down solve them the Pales may have been more flexible on the Hebron issue. But when nothing happens, then bloody events occur," Ramon said.

"I'm glad Deri came to the meeting and the two got to know each other and talk. Only direct talks can advance the peace process. Creating confidence between the two sides - that's the essential element which is missing between the Palestinian Authority and the prime minister and his people."

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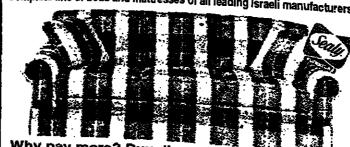
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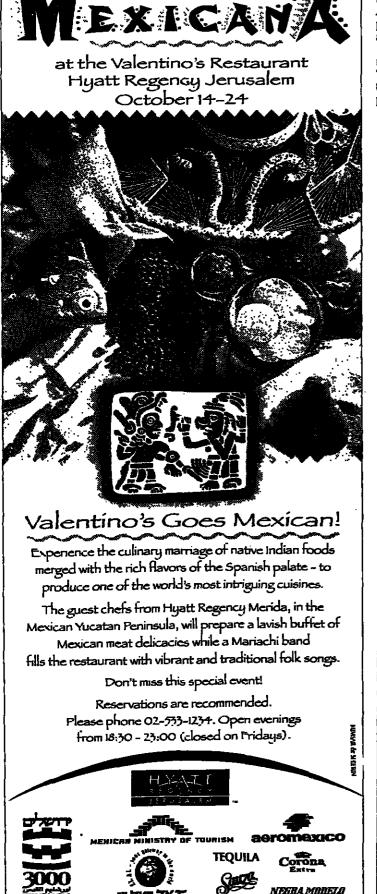
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Arafat's intifada threat

peace partner Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat is, Arafat himself provided some illuminating insights yesterday in an interview with the Egyptian weekly Al-Mussawar.

In the interview, Arafat said he will not be able to prevent a new intifada if the Palestinians are not satisfied with the results of the Erez talks. This statement should set off warning bells among even the most devoted adherents of the Oslo Accords.

At the Washington summit a week ago - after having violated his numerous promises on this subject by initiating a three-day shooting war -Arafat once again solemnly promised that the Palestinians would henceforth refrain from violence as a means of settling their grievances against Israel. He reiterated this promise only two days ago during a visit with President Ezer Weizman in Caesarea. Yet already, he is threatening renewed violence if Palestinian demands are not met at Erez.

The interview makes it clear that when Arafat says he "can not" prevent renewed violence. what he means is "will not." He told the paper the reason he would not be able to prevent a new intifada is "because I cannot force myself to agree to oppression, humiliation, suppression, degradation and injustice." However, since preventing violence by one's own people is one of the most basic tasks of a leader, it actually makes no difference whether he can not or will not prevent the violence. The necessary conclusion is the same in either case: That his value as a peace partner is questionable.

For perhaps the first time since the Oslo Accords were signed in 1993, there is near unanimity in Israel that the Palestinians have some legitimate grievances. At a meeting of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee earlier this week, for instance, MKs from Meretz to Moledet joined together to call for an end to the seven-month-old closure which has strangled the Palestinian economy and created a 50% unemployment rate in Gaza.

At the same time, however, there is an almost equally unprecedented consensus that Israel has some legitimate grievances as well. Even the staunchest supporters of the accords, such as former prime minister Shimon Peres, were shocked by the sight of rifles given to the PA by Israel being turned on Israeli soldiers. Labor consented to Arafat's demand for a strong police force armed with Kalashnikov rifles though it would be hard to find another police force in the world which bears such arms - on the understanding that they would be used to fight Islamic terror. Instead, Palestinian Police led the attacks on Israeli positions throughout the territories during the recent violence. The result is that even Peres is insisting that those policemen who fired on Israelis be tried and punished.

Grievances, even real and serious ones, between two parties to a peace treaty are not uncommon. The sine qua non of any peace expire.

F anyone had any doubts as to what kind of agreement, however, is that such disputes cannot be resolved by violence if the agreement is' to survive.

> Israel has consistently abided by this principle. Despite a wave of suicide bombings earlier this year which claimed almost 60 Israeli lives in two weeks, the government refused to authorize military action against the terrorist bases in the autonomous region. Even during the height of the bloodshed two weeks ago, though IDF soldiers were forced to fire in self-defense, the government gave the army strict orders that it was not to enter the Palestinian-controlled areas or open fire with the tanks it brought into position near the worst of the fighting.

Arafat, however, has made it clear that he is willing to use violence as a tool over the most trivial of issues. Two weeks ago, the Palestinian cabinet authorized the rioting which led to 15 Israeli and five dozen Palestinian dead, merely over the opening of a new exit to a tunnel which runs along an undisputed Jewish site: The Western Wall. Now, he is threatening a new intifada - this time, with Israeli-supplied guns rather than just rocks - over the extremely minimal security demands Israel has raised in response to the violence two weeks ago. Israel is not, for instance, asking that the PA Police be deprived of their rifles; it is asking only that in Hebron, where the IDF and the PA Police will be in unavoidably close contact even after Israel withdraws, these rifles be replaced by pistols.

One has to question Arafat's commitment to peace if he is prepared to threaten a new intifada over such a minor issue. The implications for the future are frightening. If this is Arafat's response to arming policemen in Hebron with rifles instead of guns, his response to an Israeli refusal to give him eastern Jerusalem or accept a Palestinian right of return to Haifa and Jaffa is liable to be a full-scale war.

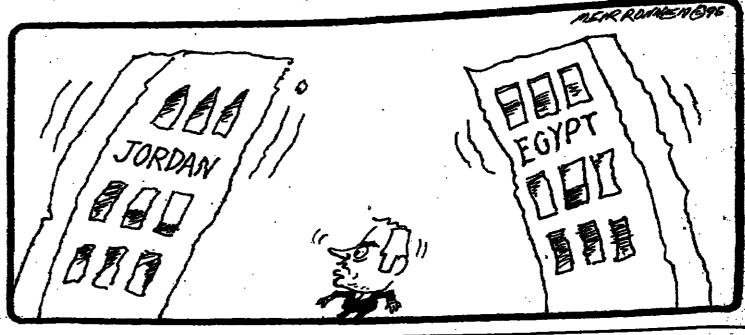
Arafat insisted in the interview that the size of the concession he is being asked to make is unimportant, because this is a matter of principle. The Palestinians want the Olso Accords implemented "in full," he said, and would prefer a complete breakdown of the peace process to accepting anything less.

If Arafat actually meant this, it would be a welcome change. Israelis have been waiting for three years for him to implement numerous critical sections of the Oslo Accords, from extraditing wanted terrorists to disarming clearly amending the PLO covenant.

Unfortunately, it is clear that what Arafat actually means by this statement is that Israel should fulfill every minor detail of its commitments while he is free to continue ignoring even the most major of his obligations.

In any court of law, a contract honored by one side only is considered invalid. The court of Israeli public opinion has been much more lenient so far. But if Arafat persists in his threats of violence - the most fundamental Oslo violation of all - even this court's patience is liable to

Quake of the week



Solomon's stables & stability

THE documents passed to Israel by Jonathan Pollard included a CIA assessment that when the number of settlers reached 100,000, an irreversible situation would be created. That was quite right. In the Oslo agreements even the PLO came to terms with the existence of the settlements, for the five-year transition period at least.

This week's fevered discussions at the Erez checkpoint prove another thing: that the Oslo interim agreement is irreversible too. One can argue about modifications or debate security coordina-

tion, but signed agreements are closed. All that's left open for Israel and the Palestinians is to discuss the permanent settlement. But to ensure satisfactory

results there, great care must be taken to see that no arrangements that might prejudice the permanent settlement are instituted during the interim one.

Some people initially claimed that only agreements with states or international organizations could be defined as international agreements, and that this certainly didn't apply to the agreement with the PLO. But by dint of Israel's request that the signing ceremony be held in Washington and that President Clinton give it added force by appending his own signature, the agreement became an international commitment succeeding governments could not ignore.

Contrary to the prevailing assessment when the agreement was signed that it allowed for reformulation at every stage of implementation, it soon became apparent that even those who opposed the Oslo process couldn't turn the clock back; not because there was no better way to peace, but because at every stage "facts" were created, effec-

GYPT'S President Mubarak has been hailed in certain circles, including much of

the world media, as a "champion

of peace." His admirers credit him

with "trying to dampen Arab skep-

ticism about Israel, assuring [his]

citizens and... neighbors that it can

be trusted" (Douglas Jehl, in this

past weekend's New York Times).

ing, though, reveals a reality that

could hardly be more different.

A closer look at what's happen-

In the Camp David accords

Israel agreed to give Egypt the

whole of the Sinai, with its strate-

gic depth, oil fields and air bases

as well as willingly evacuating

settlements for the first time in its

history. In addition it agreed to

recognize the Palestinian people

and enter into the autonomy

agreement. In exchange Israel

contracted for what could in con-

temporary terms be called a "full

But what is the actual content of

During the almost two decades

that have passed since the Camp

David accords, Israeli-Egyptian

trade relations have not only seen

no meaningful development, they

are in fact non-existent. What lim-

ited economic activity does exist

is one-sided - a few Israeli invest-

ments in Egypt and Israeli

A similarly disappointing reality

exists in other areas like cultural

relations and the Egyptian state-

controlled media's attitude to

Throughout this period Egypt has concentrated on an impressive

military buildup; estimates are

this peace?

tourism.

MOSHE ZAK

tively tying the hands of any subsequent government. These facts traced borders and gave shape to the control of territory.

When five cities were handed over to the Palestinian Authority, justice minister David Liba'i, imum as a dove, nevertheless wanted to hold back on Kalkilya, which is next to the Green Line. He claimed, rightly, that it would set the seal on the border of Israel during the negotiation of the agreement. Peres hesitated over Hussein's demand that he be granted favored status in the upkeep of the Islamic holy places in Jerusalem, concerned that such an obligation would tread on Palestinian toes.

But Yitzhak Rabin decided in favor of this commitment, which was duly included in the peace treaty. In reminding Netanyahu

The treaty with Jordan is irreversible but a warm peace requires confirmation of Hussein's role vis-a-vis the holy shrines

even in the permanent settlement. But the government didn't take his advice, and today there is clearly no way back. In that area

the border has been fixed. When the government decided to arm the Palestinian Police the opposition pleaded: "Don't give them guns." Today Shimon Peres taunts his former critics, who have meanwhile come to power: "Why didn't you take their guns away?" - as if the previous government's agreements could be

THE PEACE treaty with Jordan isn't an interim agreement but a permanent settlement; all the more, therefore, does it need to be adhered to in every detail. It is based on unprecedented national consensus, as expressed in the Knesset's vote. King Hussein reemphasized this in an interview this week.

There were differences of opinion among the political leadership

last week that he lacks Rabin's vision the king was hinting that the prime minister should follow Rabin's line in retaining Jordan's special role vis-a-vis the holy

Following the opening of the exit to the Hasmonean Tunnel and the attendant crisis. the Jordanians realized that Israel had infringed the terms of the treaty back in January by conducting negotiations with the Palestinian-controlled Wakf in Jerusalem and the PA's Ministry of Religious Affairs. These negotiations resulted in a package deal whereby per-mission for Moslem prayer would be granted in Solomon's Stables in exchange for the Palestinians turning a blind eye to the opening of the tunnel exit.

Israel totally ignored the fact of a Jordanian-controlled Wakf existing on the Temple Mount. Jordan's historic role and its special status regarding the holy shrines, laid down in black and

white in the peace treaty, were forgotten. This naturally infuriated the king.

Jordan has no way back from

the peace treaty, and neither does Israel. The two countries are condemned to live in peace - but it should have come as no surprise that such an Israeli infringement of the peace treaty would lead to Jordanian protests and criticism.

Jordan rightly expected Israel, sovereign over Jerusalem, to take its side in Palestinian provocations intended to squeeze Jordan's influence out of Jerusalem. But when Israel failed to respect Jordan's special role. Hussein felt pushed to join ranks with the Arab countries and indulge in pan-Arab rhetoric. An angry king overreacted and came out with some exaggerated statements, but these should be viewed in perspective.

The friction between Jerusalem and Amman can be smoothed out. Jordanian bitterness can be assuaged.

But it isn't dramatic steps or announcements of special cabinet meetings that will do this, nor the despatching of a special envoy to the king. What is required is a return to the quiet diplomacy that has characterized Israel-Jordanian relations from the beginning.

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As a first step the prime minister should send a personal letter to King Hussein apologizing for the error committed by the previous government regarding Solomon's Stables; the letter should also explicitly promise faithful observance of the clause in the peace treaty that grants Jordan preferential status in Jerusalem's holv places.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on public affairs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sir. - One must credit Mr. Arafat with another coup worthy of a Nasser. He has succeeded in demonstrating that he can call out a riot. over anything, on a moment's notice, and lay the blame for it on his opposition. The technique worked brilliantly in 1936 and thereabouts against the British, who could think of no resoonse but to back down, and it is just the latest example of

superior Arab negotiating skill. The "land for peace" formula is another such. Of course peace can never be purchased, neither for land nor money nor favors of another kind. The very offer to do so, in fact, makes it abundantly plain that the negotiator is desperate. His opposite number would be a fool, and worse, a bad agent for his principal, if he did not immediately up the ante.

Certainly Mr. Arafat wants peace, but at the right time, not yet. At the moment, he has the best chance for peace, since Mr. Netanyahu is constantly referred to as a "rightist" and a "hard-liner," like Mr. Nixon regarding China or Mr. Begin over Egypt. The truth is that only one who is seen to be a hard-liner can

SUPERIOR NEGOTIATING SKILL make a peace, such as these men made. Why then does Mr. Arafat not

> Because he is an abler negotiator than the Israelis. And the reason for Arafat does, but despite his popular uneasy coalition of prima donnas. In with the autocrat, especially with

Arafat will have the public sup-It does not in the least hurt Bibi to be called hard-liner, because that But it is disastrous to have him seen as weak or with eroding popular support. That will suggest to the Arab opposition that he is desperate, as Mr. Peres was seen to be. And that, in turn, will call for new Arab

PROF. ALLEN H. PODET

OSLO: NULL AND VOID

ment comprising several conditions has to be kept in toto. One cannot select certain conditions to keep and breach others.

The moment the Palestinians exceeded the number of armed "po-licemen" provided for in the Oslo Accord, the agreement was broken: when he refused to extradite terrorists and murderers who had sought refuge in his territory, Oslo was dead; and when Arafat failed to curb

By committing these breaches, any obligation on the other party, namely Israel, to abide by the agreement, ceases to exist. All the above jump at the chance?

that is not that he is a super-genius, although to be sure he is nobody's fool. The reason is that Mr. Netanyahu does not make policy as Mr. mandate, he merely coordinates an such a match, all the advantages are regard to speed and flexibility of response.

port of his people, on the grounds that they have no viable alternative. strengthens his hand in negotiation.

Buffalo, N.Y.

breaches by the Palestinians predate 'Sir, - Any legal contract or agreethe time the Hebron redeployment became due. There is, therefore, no obligation on Netanyahu to abide by it. The fact that the Peres government chose to ignore these breaches of the agreement ex gratia does not

reinstate the agreement and the electors gave the answer by failing to return the Peres government. Nevertheless, the world is pressuring Netanyahu to accept the Hebron redeployment condition without any adjustments for security violence, Oslo was null and void. considerations. Where were these same people when Arafat broke-his

commitments? KURT ZENTNER

BRAVO TO NETANYAHU Sir, - I was astonished to learn of

the lack of support for Premier Netanyahu over the recent conflict with the Palestinians.

I was even more astonished to hear Shimon Peres state on BBC television that there isn't anything in Hebron that is holy or sacred to Jews! Mr. Peres must be a considerable am ha'aretz if he thinks that the tombs of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their wives are not holy to Jews. The irony is that the most sacred places to Jews in Israel have either a monastery or a mosque built on

Bravo to Prime Minister Netanyahu for refusing to close the Hasmonean Tunnel, parts of which have been in existence for thousands of years. Last year, I visited this tunnel and was greatly moved by the experience, to think that at last I could walk alongside and touch the Western Wall out of sight from the everpervading secular and non-Jewish THE REVD. JONATHAN ORDMAN

THANKS

Sir, - It appears that when there are letters of commendation published in your newspaper about your journalists, invariably they are directed at the editorial and feature journalists. Whilst I find all of the articles in the paper of interest and the general standard to be good, I think particular thanks should go to Arieh O'Sullivan, your new defense

correspondent. He provides an insight into the real story in Israel in an unbiased, objective and extremely informative way. As most of the media coverage in England tends to be so one-sided, I am forever recommending to my friends here to read his articles to see things "as they are." Carry on the good work!

JONATHAN COHEN Bromley, Kent.

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Land-plus for no peace

most advanced of Arab forces. It never honored Israel with a state is certainly much stronger than anything required to defend Egypt against other neighbors like Libya

The Egyptian army's "reference-enemy" - meaning the pro-jected adversary against which the Egyptian forces are training, equipping themselves and are deployed - remains Israel. The

expensive tunnels constructed

visit is dismissed by many Israelis as meaningless, and yet it is highly significant in Arab culture.

Sometimes one might even be tempted to think that for the Cairo palace "diplomacy is the continuation of war by other means," to paraphrase Klausewitz. This Egyptian political attitude has spanned both Likud and Labor governments.

Look at what Israel gave Egypt and what it got and answer this: Does Israel really understand the Middle East?

under the Suez Canal were built to accommodate far more "traffic" than the most optimistic civilianuse predictions could require.

The most troubling fact, however, is that Israel didn't acquire a political ally in Cairo. Egypt, which found itself politically reinforced by its peace with Israel, mainly in the US, has been leading every possible political battle against Israel.

It has pressed Arab and African countries not to normalize ties with Israel; lobbied Washington against aiding Israel in absorbing Russian immigrants; pulled every possible string in its Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty campaign; opposed Israel in international forums and continually sided with Israel's opponents, including in times of crisis like the recent one. That President Mubarak has

IT IS interesting to compare this with Israeli-Syrian relations.

From the end of the Yom Kippur war till today Israel has enjoyed a peaceful border with both Egypt and Syria - and yet Israel has paid no meaningful price to Syria. In fact Syria has a better "peace" (in the sense of absence of war) with Israel than with any of its other neighbors.

In spite of a formal peace with Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq and Jordan, each of these four Syrian borders have seen more violence than the post-'73 Israeli-Syrian border.

Unlike the "rehabilitation" as a result of Egypt's peace with Israel that has brought it American economic and military aid, Syria continues to weaken on both these accounts - a good explanation, perhaps, of Syrian "peaceability."

Consequently Damascus wields far less political weight against Israel than does Cairo.

In spite of recent rhetoric by Egyptian leaders amounting to a proclamation that Egypt's peace is conditional upon Israel meeting new demands, the likelihood of an immediate eruption of violence with our southern neighbor is nonetheless very low.

Having said that, one must be watchful of Egypt's impressive military abilities. Ever-increasing Egyptian internal unrest, not to mention the recent assassination attempts on president Mubarak's life, raise more questions about the possible use such military abilities might be put to in future.

The Egyptian army's dependence upon the US is only a limited comfort, in particular with regard to extreme political circumstances such as internal Egyptian political struggles or the eruption of a crisis in the region. After all, Iran fought Iraq with American equipment years after American aid was no longer available.

The most fundamental and troubling question that remains is this: If Israel gave Egypt "land-plus" and got in exchange a naked peace, a reinforced political foe and an increasingly powerful potential military adversary, does this mean there is something wrong with our perception of the Middle East?

The writer, a former head of a section in IAF intelligence, practices corporate law in Tel Aviv.

that its army is the strongest and **POSTSCRIPTS**

RAY BARNES doesn't have your average cleaning business. Instead of cleaning grit and grime, he's wiping up blood and guts, literally, from crime scenes.

"You could have someone who would shoot themselves in the head with a revolver. That, in some cases, would not be very messy," said Barnes, owner of some people prefer to shoot crime scenes.

themselves with a shotgun, in which case you have the whole room saturated.

Barnes started the Washington business in 1994 with his wife Louise, who ran a maid service. His company is called in by people to rid their homes of the visible signs of crime and by authori-Crime Scene Cleanup. "But ties to transport bodies from

A THREE-METER piece of a wing flap from a TWA Boeing 727 was found on a New York street, a day after a sizzling-hot engine part from another jetliner

feil on a Queens neighborhood. No injuries were reported in either incident.

The metal flap, 38 cm wide, left gashes in the road in South Ozone Park, a residential neighborhood near Kennedy Airport. Neighbors said they had heard a loud thud in the middle of the night.

A Bocing spokeswoman said a 727 could continue flying safely even after losing a wing flap.

The day before, a piece of a Delta Airlines 727 engine feli onto a neighborhood in Flushing. It seems to be safer in a plane than in your own living room.

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The long, tough road to restoring trust

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai tells Arieh O'Sullivan and David Makovsky about efforts to advance the peace process while maintaining security

70U said that when the Palestinian Police opened fire on IDF troops there. was a break in trust. Will the trust that was violated with the crisis ever be restored?

First of all, a difficult situation has arisen where Palestinians who received authority from us used it to harm IDF soldiers and citizens of the State of Israel. This is the worst thing possible. It is no doubt raising difficulties now and in the future.

I certainly describe the situation as a new situation. I have in fact described it as an emergency simation. In order to stabilize the situation and return the faith and the joint activities, we on our side need a lot of goodwill, the ability to overcome the pain, and the ability to look beyond the present obstacles to break through to a future way that advances the peace process. As you know, my policy is to continue with the peace process and advance it with the Palestinians.

These crises are difficult and cause us to strengthen our guidelines, because without clear secu-IDF and security services in every place possible, we are likely to get into very dangerous situations. We will not be able to concede on security matters which are vital for the safety of the soldiers and the citizens under our responsibility and also the peace process.

Can you elaborate on the importance of the heights in Hebron overlooking the Jewish quarter and reports that the IDF

needs to control these heights? These matters are being negotiated so I don't want to get into particulars. The main thing which guides us is that we have the authority and the military capability to react against warnings of attacks and respond to incidents so we can prevent dangers or react against the dangers and not create a situation where the lives of Israeli men, women and children are in danger and the other side is not aware that we have the capability to act when and where need-

This is the main issue being discussed in the committees. I hope, I assume, that a formula will be found that will be able to advance the matter.

The second main area is the civilian area [in Hebron]. In H2, according to the agreement, we are already responsible for the security and the Jewish homes and all Jewish property is under Israeli responsibility. But we also want every change done by the municipal authorities in H2, which is under our security responsibility, to be carried out in coordination [with us]. We don't want a situation where a road is being paved,

or a water line taken, or say a house is suddenly built next to someone's door and it causes provocation and violence. If there isn't coordination, it could cause conflicts.

Is Israel demanding that the Palestinian Police be equipped only with pistols?

Yes. We understandably want to reduce the scale and types of weapons to reduce the dangers that could likely happen.

The Americans have pressured to ease the closure. Can you give us more details of what is going to be done?

We have no policy of closure. If there had not been incidents, then we would be in a situation today where there would hardly be a closure. I don't have a policy and the government doesn't have a policy of imposing a closure for economic bardship. The closure is for security purposes. We have started easing it and every day we will take more steps. We have lifted the internal closure around Palestinian cities, except Nablus. rity foundations and without the. and this too will be lifted in the coming days.

> Will the IDF soon resume the ioint patrols in the West Bank? In areas where there are still

dangers and tensions, we said we won't renew them until there are discussions. Is Israel still demanding that

the Palestinian Authority prosecute those security forces who fired at IDF troops?

Obviously we are. Certainly we want that anyone who fired at our soldiers or acted against the norms be dealt with accordingly.

As the minister with the last word on settlements, what are the guiding lines of this government's policy regarding settle-

We have put on [Jewish settlers] limitations for every trailer and every change because of the political sensitivity. Everything that was frozen during the Rabin-Peres government, this government has unfrozen. From that moment, from a legal point of view, they can build. Then they need permis-sion from the controlling body to see if it meets the criteria of sewage, electricity and water and infrastructure and that it doesn't harm or deviate, or that it isn't someone else's land.

But what do you say to the Palestinians who say that the settlements are a stumbling block to

I don't accept that. The Palestinians understand, and it was the policy of the previous as well as the present government

Yitzhak Mordechai; When one is in office, as I am, one can't ignore reality. You have to be a realist and know that while ideology guides you like a compass, it is reality which dictates how you

Judea, Samaria and Gaza continue serve its needs within the bound-

aries of the settlements. Are we going to set up new settlements? No. Are we planning to confiscate Arab land? No. Perhaps if we need to pave a road to serve both Arabs and Jews we will do so, just as we do in Israel.

Are there any specific plans for expansion of existing settlements in the future?

We are building ad hoc. Every plan that comes here is examined thoroughly.

Yitzhak Rabin spoke of Iran as the No. I danger in the area. How do you see the dangers in the region?

There are two central dangers in the Middle East. One is extreme Islamic fundamentalism, which has no boundaries. One of its goals is Israel, but they also target the whole Western world. The second thing which endangers the world, and certainly Israel, is the ability of nations like Iran and Iraq to get nuclear weapons.

Iran is the source of Islamic fundamentalism and the great desire to make, or purchase, non-conventional weapons. Imagine what would have happened if Iraq had nuclear weapons during the Gulf war. The other danger is the arming of Arab nations, with an emphasis on surface-to-surface missiles with large ranges of over 500 kilometers so they can fire at Israel from afar like in the Gulf

Add to this all the weapons and troops in the area and you will

Likud's new shining star

The defense minister has made the difficult transition from the military to the government look easy, Arieh O'Sullivan reports

turned out to be the suiprise star of the new Likudled government. Some attribute it to his moderation in a time of turnult, others say it is because he is the straight man with a pragmatic approach to the many crises he has had to face in his short time in office. But all agree that the decorated, buli-necked general has turned out better than expected and shown that a political newcomer can shine, particularly when those around him do not.

Hanan Crystal, the noted political commentator for Israel Radio and Ma'ariv, said Mordechai has succeeded in getting high marks from the public because he is "a

TITZHAK Mordechai has Mordechai vowed that Israel's stamina to fight would outlast the Palestinians.

> "We will never become tired. We will act as if the intifada is going to last for 100 years," he told the Associated Press in a 1989

During the height of the intifada, Mordechai refrained from sending in tanks to fight the civilian revolt. Now as defense minister he has changed his tactics, mainly due to the fact that the IDF has the comfortable scenario of confronting another armed force and not a band of street hooligans.

Mordechai has maintained close relations with the army. The difference between his approach and that of Netanyahu, who has tried neutralize any military input into decision-making, is evident in the fact that Mordechai himself said he found out about the opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel only five minutes beforehand and the first thing he did was notify the chief of staff.

Dr. Yehuda Ben-Meir, former deputy foreign minister and author of Civil-Military Relations in Israel, said Mordechai appears to have an understanding of the dynamics in the relationship between the army and government, "Mordechai had two strikes against him when he took over. He was fresh out of the military and subordinate to those he now commands. He was aware of this and has appeared to successfully overcome this deficit," Ben-Meir said.

"He is a great surprise. He acts with level-headedness, tries to learn topics and act cautiously and moderately," Ben-Meir added.

has still not stood test. We don't know what his strategic vision for Israel and the IDF is because it's too early. But what we have seen is that he has maintained the correct relationship with the heads of the IDF," Yehuda Ben-Meir said.

MORDECHAI'S image in the Israeli public is on the rise, mainly due to his moderate tone, but also, political observers say, because he is surrounded by ineptitude. "He hasn't made any obvious mistakes

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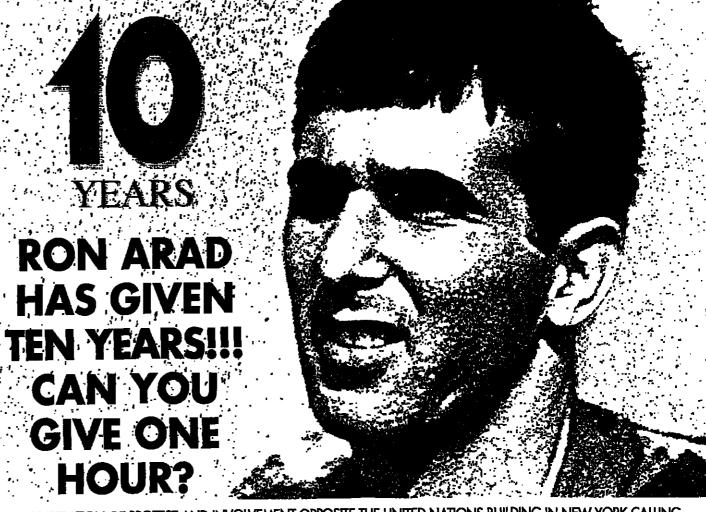


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Follow the rally on the web; http://www.ron-arad.co.il

'War stories' from a **Hebron road**

Last Thursday, 'Post' reporter Abraham Rabinovich went to the City of the Partiarchs to interview Jewish residents. But it was his ride back to Jerusalem that he'll best remember

HERE was only a second or so to take in the scene but one detail registered clearly; the rock being held in two hands by the tall Palestinian youth to my front was as big as a basketball.

He and his friends, who were holding smaller rocks, crowded the line of my car's approach like matadors braced for the charge. The smallest, a boy of 10 or so, made a waggly gesture at me with an upturned palm that seemed to say "What in Allah's name are you doing here?"

It was a question I could well

have asked myself. I had driven down to Hebron last Thursday to test the mood of Arabs and Jews on the eve of the talks that will presumably decide the city's immediate fate. The settlers appeared concerned about their possible outcome but were sustained by what they saw as the clear historical-moral justice of their case.

"Hebron is the city the Jewish people never left," said Rabbi Avinoam Horowitz. To have prevented Jewish resettlement in Hebron after the Six Day War would have been to reward the perpetrators of the 1929 massacre, he said.

"In America, would they tell Jews you can't live in Tennessee or Los Angeles because you're a Jew? Are we to be told that we cannot live in the City of the Fathers because we're Jews?"

A curfew had been imposed on Hebron's Arabs. In order to talk with some I decided to drive to an outlying neighborhood where the curfew might be less strictly enforced. I found a number of men in an area of small workshops. They spoke pessimistical-

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Hazan caves (an underground city), the huge complex of Beit Guvrin, Jerusalem's Shrine of the Book which contains the letters of Bar Kochba found

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offered. Even if you've been before, come again, because so much more has now been revealed,

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being achieved as long as Binyamin Netanyahu was prime minister. One exception, though, was an impressive looking workshop owner in his 50s with a stubbly white beard and a white galabiya.

"I think that at the end of the road Netanyahu will bring peace," he said. "He will want to be reelected and that means he will want to satisfy his people."

Speaking fluent Hebrew, he

said he had many Jewish friends, even in Kiryat Arba, a hotbed of nationalist-religious extremism. "There are people with souls in Kiryat Arba," he said. He had many Jewish customers as well. "I think that something will come out of these troubles. This is a land of two peoples. We cannot throw the Jews into the sea and they cannot expel us. There is no alternative to peace."

THOSE UPLIFTING words were still sounding in my ears when I started down the road five minutes later towards Jerusalem. I had not been on that road for years and realized only belatedly that I was in Halhoul, a notorious trouble spot. Even as that thought was registering, a lone youth dashed out and threw a rock from a distance which struck the rear of the car, confirming that I had entered Indian country. A minute later came the ambush.

The seven or eight youths who suddenly appeared in the curve ahead of me must have known from experience that, once committed to the turn, drivers could not easily swerve. The youth raising the large rock above his head seemed about 15.

Turning my face away, I raised ly about the chances of peace my left arm to shield my head



Abraham Rabinovich is back at his desk after suffering on-the-job injuries last week.

and I shut my eyes tight. A second passed and I thought I had miraculously escaped. A shattering sound and blows on my arm and head told me the age of miracles had passed. There was no windshield in front of me when I opened my eyes. My head was bleeding and my left arm was bent out of shape but it had spared my skull from the brunt

or the blow. The vision in one eye was blurred. I assumed it had been damaged by the glass which covered everything. However, the car was still holding the road.

There had been no time to be frightened and there was no choice now but to continue forward. The steering wheel felt odd. When I looked down I saw that its top half had been bent . downward. The bottom half, which my right hand gripped, was wobbling like the wheel of a badly made toy bicycle, yet it was controlling the car's move-

I had forgotten the lay of the land since my army reserve days and was uncertain of the distance to the nearest Israeli settlement. In less than five minutes an army checkpost appeared around a bend and the soldiers directed me to a base on a nearby hilltop. The reception there was wonderfully kind. It was a veteran reserve unit; many of the

officers were in their 40s. They seated me on a chair

beneath a tree where the unit Presse who had been wounded doctor and a medic dressed my wounds. A major asked if I wanted to speak to my family and dialed the number on his cellular phone. He told me not to worry about the car, which would be towed to a Jerusalem lot. (It self had been wounded badly in was.) The blurred vision had by now disappeared; the eyelids had apparently been covered with glass shreds. An ambulance from a nearby settlement arrived to take me on a 40-minute ride to Hadassah Hospital with siren wailing, fulfillment of a childhood dream.

High drama gave way abruptly to mundane bureaucracy when I was led into the emergency room, A harried doctor told the ambulance driver to seat me in the corner where about 15 other persons were awaiting first screening.

It was close to an hour before an orthopedist removed the bandage the army doctor had placed. The flicker of alarm in her eyes reassured me that I had finally reached the right address. Treatment thenceforth was superb. Within two hours I was under general anesthesia as doctors secured a broken forearm bone with a metal clasp, reset a dislocated wrist, and closed my

By chance, I was placed in a ward next to Manoocher Deghatia, an Iranian-born photographer for Agence France-

the week before during the disturbances in Ramallah. After three hours of photographing one of the most chaotic scenes he had witnessed in 20 years of covering wars and riots he hima leg, apparently by an Israeli bullet.

He was carried to a local hosdital whose confidors were filled with hundreds of wounded. Instead of being operated on, a bandage was put on his wound and then a cast. Fortunately, colleagues got him out. A local cease-fire was arranged and a Palestinian doctor drove him across to the Israeli lines. A week later he was still in agonizing pain but his leg had been saved from certain amputation.

Neither he nor I had any grievance against those who had put us in hospital. Professional voyeurs, we had been reminded that we are not invisible after all, and that the impact of the events we report, for those actually caught up in them, outlasts the next day's edition.

A number of right-wing friends asked me during the right-wing week whether the incident had changed my left-of-center political views. Some said outright that I should now be able to recognize the vile nature of the enemy. The answer, of course, is negative. Nor would they likely join Peace Now if a Palestinian Good Samaritan saved them

from a burning car. The youth with the big rock was doing his thing the way I was doing mine and the soldiers who helped me were doing theirs. I do not assign wickedness to political opponents, even if they try to kill me.

I do assign it to fanatics, whether in my camp or the other, who are unwilling to acknowledge the same measure of human grace in the Other as they do in themselves.

embarked upon there are few devils, apart from "poor devils" of whom there are many.

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(Continued from Page 7) you'll receive a very grave, extreme and immediate reaction from us. That is what I would tell him.

Egyptian Defense Minister Mohammed Tantawi recently said Egypt was announcing its largest military exercise to protect against an Israeli attack. How do you respond to this?

Israel has no intentions of harming Egyptian severeignty. We have peace with Egypt I think the Egyptians have to put forth all efforts to refrain from verbal attacks, which don't help anyone. We want a much more personal and warm peace, but there is a wide gap between not having a warm and personal peace and having a conflict. I would be happy to visit Egypt and meet with the Egyptian leadership.

How do you foresee the strategic relations with Turkey now that it has an Islamic-led government?

I very much hope that Turkey and . its government understand and know how to guide it so it continues to be a democratic Western state.... We have very good relations with Turkey. When I feel the security situation in Turkey allows it, I would like to visit Turkey. I would also like to help the Turkish Army. We have welcomed military relations for our benefit and Turkey's benefit. I hope these ties will continue. We both have an interest in strengthening the moderate elements in Turkey.

You are visiting the United States next week. Do you believe that Israel and the Americans see the Middle East eye to eye?

I think that in the large picture, we see eye to eye. There are no conflicts of interests between us; on the contrary. We appreciate everything the Americans have done for us. Even among friends, however, there can be differences of opinion.

We have security interests which we cannot concede on, and on this we can have arguments. I hope we can deal with this on an acceptable level and not slide into actions or statements by either of us which would harm the special and friendly relations with America. The visit can create a personal chemistry and a common ground for strengthening the relations with the Americans,

Can you elaborate on some of these differences of opinion?

The process of progress with the Palestinians. There can be differences of opinion in the essence and method of negotiations with the Syrians... There are certain differ-, head against the wall.

ences regarding the special needs of the State of Israel to answer the threats. Maybe through American glasses these problems are simple and not important. In our view they are critical. That is the argument and that is natural.

Are there any intentions to reduce the \$1.8 billion in annual US aid?

Against the threats facing us today, wish we could increase it because the need is growing, the weapons are more sophisticated and much more

What kind of changes do you plan to implement in the IDF and Defense Ministry as we move

toward the peace era?
We are only four months in the government. First of all I have to learn the system. Then there were the cuts to the defense budget. Later there were the possibilities of problems with the Syrians and Lebanese. Then the crisis with the Iraqis and now the crisis with the Palestinians.

The 1997 work plan is just before us, and there are all the running items. I go from meeting to meeting and hardly get a wink at might. I certainly plan after the 1997 program is set out to sit and think what the future threats against Israel are and how we are going to build our security capabilities against these.

Are you satisfied with the running of the government, as a body? This is a government which is learning. Every one naturally behaves differently. I don't give out grades. I think this government has potential. It has a policy and, I think, capabilities. Planning, coordination and carrying out are a function of time. I presume that time will make a difference, and work concepts and directions of thoughts will be made appropriate to the reality and the

I say all the time to ideologists that it is your duty to present the ideology you believe in when you are in the opposition, when you are in an election campaign, or when you don't take responsibility. But when one is in office, as I am, as the defense minister, one can't ignore reality. You are obligated to the reality as it is now and you have to be a realist and know that while ideology guides you like a compass, it is reality which dictates how you

Sometimes you move left, sometimes right, but you return to the path. If you are unable to cope with reality, you will be knocking your

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He has not distanced the IDF commanders as Netanyahu has purposely done," Crystal said.

Crystal also attributed the public appreciation of Mordechai to the media who, once they saw he was a reasonable man with moderate opinions who was willing to take responsible decisions, began to relate to him as such.

Mordechai is also protected from the media by his press adviser, Avi Benyahu, who sheltered the minister for his first months in the job and at times used his enormous girth to physically distance reporters from the defense minister. Mordechai was eased into the public's eye and it is only recently that he has started giving interviews.

Mordechai owes his position to Netanyahu and is considered faithful to him. Despite his strong showing in the primaries, his strength in the Likud Party is uncertain since he does not have his own political camp. For now he is not considered a threat to Netanyahu. Nevertheless, his visit to the United States next week follows the traditional American tactic of signaling out the "normal ones" and courting them, Crystal said.

His command of English is not fluent, but he gets by. He studied infantry tactics in Cambridge, England, and holds degrees in history and Jewish studies. His attempt at law school last year was curtailed when he ran in the Likud primaries and surprised everyone by being elected to the No. 2 slot behind Netanyahu.

"He doesn't pretend to understand the American mentality. He comes without pretenses, speaks his halting English and doesn't try to pass himself off as anything but a simple sabra soldier. And they are enchanted by his magic," said Brig. Gen. Rafi Noy, who served with him as the head of his office in the Northern

his steps carefully and prefers slow change to quick leaps. "He is not a revolutionary," said Noy. "Itzik is a man with a lot of experience. He not only held all the field commands in the IDF, but he also served on all of the fronts. He knows all of the problems and the people on our side and the other side," Noy said.

"He has a lot of patience and stamina and cool-headedness. He prefers to listen to another opinion before making a decision. Depending on the situation, he decides who he wants to hear, but he has a close circle of people that he consults with," said Noy, who said he has spent "thousands of hours" with Mordechai.

"He is not some kind of guy with great vision. He doesn't believe in revolutions and he doesn't believe in setting goals that are too difficult to reach. He is mainly a guy who looks back and sees from where he came and where he wants to go. He is not a man of leaps. He goes slowly, doesn't take uncalculated risks and very much tries to refrain from making mistakes," Noy said.

Fifty-one of his soldiers were killed and another 100 wounded as his battalion was decimated at the Chinese Farm in Egypt during the 1973 war. It is a scar that still causes him pain. At the recent memorial service for fallen paratroopers. Mordechai was physically moved and hugged some of the families of soldiers who fell under his com-

Mordechai takes every casualty as if it were his own son. As OC Northern Command, Noy said, he would lock himself away for hours after a soldier was killed. "He would sit for hours without uttering a word," Noy said.

Noy commented that Mordechai is not a flamboyant character, not interested in wealth. But he is saddened that he has had to curtail his friendships with many of his friends because of the security around him as minister of defense, Noy said.

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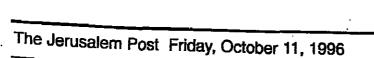
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Law to lore – a legal legend in the capital

There's no middle ground when it comes to people's views of Eitan Geva, the attorney who for three decades has spearheaded the purchase of Arab properties in Jerusalem by Jewish groups, Bill Hutman reports

'M always looked upon by the public as 'the lawyer of the settlers.' But not all my work involves property purchases in eastern Jerusalem. That's only one part of what I am involved in." said Geva, in his small center-city office. The 59-year-old Geva, who as a rule doesn't speak to the press, complained in a rare series of interviews with *The Jerusalem*

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The physical layout of the office lends to the aura of mystery surrounding the attorney, who held senior government and military

according to Eitan Geva.

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away from a deal, explains Geva.

T is becoming tongher for Jewish investors and

groups to purchase property in eastern Jerusalem

Palestinians have always been fearful about being

caught by their fellow Palestinians selling land to

Jews, he says. But today, with the threat of reprisal

not in Tunis or Amman, but on their doorsteps,

Palestinian landowners are particularly apt to shy

Just how real is the threat by the PA against

Palestinians who sell land to Jews? Geva says that

only last month PA security agents kidnapped a

Palestinian man hired by a Jewish client of his to

guard a building the client purchased, near the

The case made headlines last month, when police

had to be called in to break upa struggle between a

Palestinian family who claimed ownership to the

home, and other, Jewish guards, subsequently hired

The case is now in court, and last week Geva pre-

sented an affidavit detailing the alleged kidnapping.

"Some 15 men ... who identified themselves as offi-

cers in the PA security forces entered the building

and confronted the guard, Omar Shludi," the affi-

"They told Shludi that they knew [the property]

was 'sold to Jews,' and demanded he turn the key

over to them, warning him that if he didn't he would

be branded as collaborating with someone who sold

to Jews." "In order to put even more pressure on the

guard, they reminded him that his family lived in an

area under the control of the PA, and that he should

American Consulate in eastern Jerusalem.

for one simple reason - the Palestinian Authority,

posts before setting up a law office in Jerusalem in the early 1970s.

The second-floor office is dark, and sparsely decorated. A single, outdated rotary phone sits atop his desk. On the back wall, there is a small picture of the City of David section of Silwan, the Arab neighborhood just outside the Old City which he is belping settlers claim.

The office is a far cry from what might be expected from a man who is reportedly a multi-millionaire, has a home in the exclusive Yemin Moshe neighborhood, and has wide-ranging connections in

PA makes real estate acquisition

difficult in eastern Jerusalem

the government, security establishment, and Jewish communities

Geva, lighting up a cigar, continnes with his explanation of how he is misunderstood. "Few people realize that a lot of my clients are Arabs. They know they can trust me.... I must admit that recently Arabs have been shying away from me, but I still represent many

"I represent the private Wakf of Hassan Husseini, the grandfather of Faisal Husseini, who is fighting against several Jewish business-

understand the hint." Shludi was allegedly taken to

Ramallah, and held until he gave up the keys and

Geva recalls that in the 1970s the Jordanian gov-

ernment passed a law mandating the death penalty to

anyone who sold property to Jews, and that the move slowed sales to Jewish investors and groups in east-

ern Jerusalem. However, he is quick to add, the

Jordanians may have had sympathizers in eastern

Jerusalem, but still Amman had no real way of get-

That changed three years ago when the PA moved

into Gaza and Jericho. Despite the PA threat, howev-

er, Palestinians continue to sell property to Jews in

eastern Jerusalem, according to Geva. Most that do

must flee the country, however - Mujier Aladin

Alalemeh, who sold the property to Irving

Maskovitz, a leading patron of the eastern Jerusalem

settlement movement, was lucky enough to hold a

Swedish passport, so he could take his money, and

Jewish groups and investors have also not been

completely dissuaded by the PA's threats. According

to Geva, the settlement group Ateret Cohanim con-

tinues to make purchases of homes in the Old City,

Private Jewish investors, both from here and

abroad, today primarily look in areas where

Palestinians continue to hold private tracts of land

adjoining Jewish neighborhoods, such as near Gilo,

between Beit Safafa and Givat Hamatos, around Har

"As long as there continue to be sellers," says seva, "there will also be buyers."

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Homa, and on Mount Scopus, according to Geva.

Geva, "there will also be buyers."

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ting at Palestinian land-owners who broke the ban.

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men who are claiming a 17-dunam tract on the Mount of Olives, that is part of the Husseini Wakf," he says. Geva said that he was hired by the trustees of the family Wakf, but that Faisal Husseini gave his approval for the attorney to be used by the family.

Geva also said he has represented the Wakf administration at Al-Aksa, in a legal battle it had over a tract of land in Bethlehem. In this case, it was another Palestinian claimant, from Hebron, that he faced in court, and a compromise was reached between the sides.

Palestinians have apparently learned from the settlers in eastern Jerusalem that Geva's knowledge of Israel's complicated property laws, his command of Arabic, and perhaps most importantly his connections, are invaluable to have on their side.

"He works like a gangster," said one well-known Jerusalemite, who has followed Geva's work closely, and spoke on condition of anonymity. "There's no other way to describe the way he operates. He's got people backing him with a lot of money, and political connections, he knows how to wheel and deal," he said.

Geva's reputation took its heaviest beating when the Klugman Report of 1993 criticized the Likud government for its funneling of money to eastern Jerusalem settlement group and raised questions concerning the legal basis on which those groups claimed Jewish rights to Arab countries.

Geva strongly denies ever being involved in illegal land purchases. His bottom line, not surprisingly given his legal training, is that despite all the allegations against him, most of the deals he has put together have held up in court.
"On a purely professional level,

there is no question that he is an excellent lawyer," said Danny Seidman, attorney for the Peace Now-affiliated Ir Shalem group, that opposes settlers' efforts to purchase properties in Arab neighborhoods of eastern Jerusalem.



Eitan Geva: Few people realize that a lot of my clients are Arabs. They know they can trust me.

But Seidman said the only reason that Geva and other Jewish operators in eastern Jerusalem have come out clean so far, is that the legal authorities have refrained from looking closely at their activity. If the authorities really looked, they would find widespread wrongdoing, he claimed.

"I've never met Eitan Geva, but I don't think you need to have seen him, in order to see what he does," said Khalil Toufakji, who is the chief Palestinian expert of the settlement movement at Orient House. For Toufakji, who describes the Palestinians who sold to Jews as "collaborators." and many others - Palestinian and Israeli alike, Geva is "the settlers' adviser.... Whenever the settlers try to take Arab homes, you see Geva coming right after them, defending what they have done." Geva is most well known for being the legal counselor of the

Ateret Cohanim settlement group, which operates primarily in the Moslem Quarter, and of Elad, the settlement group that is trying to buy houses in the City of David section of Silwan. He also represents Irving Maskovitz, the patron of the eastern Jerusalem settlement movement. For all these Jewish groups and individuals, he has become known as the master of the secret and complicated negotiations on Arab property sales in eastern Jerusalem.

Jerusalem police chief Arye Amit said recently that there has been a sharp increase in the number of homes settlement groups Jerusalem, and that police were bracing for clashes with Palestinian residents when they tried to enter the homes.

Geva said Amit is way off base. The right-wing politicians and settlement activists who speak of large numbers of buildings and land being purchased in eastern Jerusalem are also exaggerating,

"We're only talking about a few buildings and lots each year," Geva said. He added that "settler" is a misnomer when referring to the Jews who purchase Arab property, because in many cases the deals are being made by business-men whose interest is money, not ideology.

Geva placed himself somewhere between the two extremes. "! don't let my beliefs get in the way of my work as an attorney," he said. Geva has reportedly himself purchased Arab properties in eastem Jerusalem for business reasons, although he denied this. Ideology, however, is not far off.

"The purchase of properties in eastern Jerusalem neighborhoods puts important facts on the ground, that will strengthen Israel's hold on the city against the Palestinian demands it be made their capital," according to Geva.

"I don't agree with the argument that Jews moving into the Moslem Quarter, or any other Arab neighborhood, creates friction. That simply is not the case," he main-

Geva, and others involved in purchasing property in eastern Jerusalem, see themselves as entering an area that Israeli governments, both left- and rightwing, cannot themselves go, because they are prevented by how the world would perceive such a move.

Geva said neither the election of ·Likud MK Ehud Olmert as Jerusalem Mayor two years ago, or Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu as premier in May, had the positive effect widely expected on the efforts to purchase Arab properties in eastern Jerusalem. "Politicians will always be politicians, and talk a lot about something, when they are really doing nothing about it," Geva said. "It's the people who work quietly that really get things done."

Schools make minority issue central to Rabin's memorial services

HE program really start-Nehama Bar-Kochva, principal of Ramat Aviv Gimel Junior High School. "We learned about Rabin's life and his unique character as a military leader on one hand, and a signer of peace ready to take chances in order to avoid bloodshed on the other.... Last year we stressed the topic of violence, specifically verbal violence. So we already have a base built for remembering."

After the assassination, schools put special emphasis on incorporating the issues of democracy, coexistence and tolerance into their curriculum, she said. In one instance students from

the Religious Experimental High School for Girls in Jerusalem (Pelech) and Gonen High School have been meeting over the past year to discuss issues relevant to secular-religious relations and to get to know one another as indi-

"Last year we focused on democracy and Halacha," said Shira Breuer, principal of Pelech. "This year we want to focus on the issue of minorities and majorities. Our dialogue with the Gonen school will continue once a week this year."

Tel Aviv's Yitzhak Rabin High School, where Rabin's grandson is a 12th-grader. "Especially here, where the school was renamed (in Rabin's memory]. The subject is very close to the hearts of the stu-

can use to help students think tribution to Israeli society, the pura bibliography of previously published material teachers can use

for further discussions. The religious education division at the Ministry of Education has also prepared special material for religious, schools emphasizing democracy and Halacha and

The Education Ministry is distributing a booklet to schools which can be used as a guideline for memorial programs but each school is free to design its program according to the individual needs and character of its students, said ministry spokesman Benny

They have also produced a videotape which teachers can use in the classroom. The booklet suggests various exercises teachers about such topics as Rabin's coupose of remembering, and how they feel one year after the assassination. The booklet also includes

program really start- "It's not 'boom' one day and last year after we've dealt with the issues," Educators have begun to prepare for October 24, the individuals, said Haifa Heb talk about Rabin's contribution to first anniversary of Yitzhak Rabin's death, but, they say, one day is not enough, Judith Sudilovsky writes.

respect for secular law and elected leaders, said director Matityahu

"Last year our schools spent time discussing the fact [that Yigal Amir was educated in religious schools] and we instituted programs in democracy," he said.
"But to say that the murder was a result of religious education is mistaken. We of course consider him to be an extremist, and to our way of thinking, people who can

do such things are not religious." The only thing the ministry has asked, Shoukron said, is that schools dedicate the day of the yahrzeit to Rabin's memory.

Some schools, such as Ramat Aviv Gimel Junior High School and Pelech in Jerusalem will include parents in their programs. Parental participation is important so students can discuss the issues surrounding Rabin's assassination at home too, said Bar-Kochva.

All schools will hold some sort of memorial service but other than that, plans for the day vary from participating in a marathon in honor of Rabin in Tel Aviv, to having panel discussions and reading psalms and learning tractates of Mishna at religious schools. But, the main message they want to pass on to the students is a rejection of extremism and violence, and a respect for the democratic

process, said school directors. There is a difference between indoctrination and education," said Dr. Gideon Stachel, principal of Beit Hahinuch High School in Jerusalem. "With indoctrination you tell them to do things a certain way, but a school has to present students with a world view and convince them that is the [right] way without compulsion."

Stachel, who will be out of the country on the day of the yahrzeit, has prepared a letter for students and for teachers about the significance of Rabin's assassination. There will be a "Unity Corner" set aside in the school building where students, and also teachers, will be able to meet and talk about their feelings about the assassination, said Stachel.

The memorial program at Pelech will take place over a period of three days, and will include a symposium with workshops discussing the issue of minorities and majorities. "We want the girls to understand the legal traditions and the rights and responsibilities of minorities and majorities," said Breuer. "We spent last year seriously studying democracy and Halacha, we talked about democracy, pluralism and equality. This time we wanted to center on one general issue of minorities and

For Israeli Arab students the issue of minority rights is some-

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thing very relevant to them as appropriate discussions. They will Egbaria.

The Arab minority is always afraid that they will not be treated with equality so the subject of equality and respect for the other is very real for Arab children," said Egbaria.

"It is a feeling you won't find among Jewish children. Arab children understand what it means to

be in a minority."

At Haifa Heh the memorial program will be adapted for the young children and will include

Younger children will be given the chance to do artwork based on their memories of the day Rabin was assassinated while older children will be encouraged to write

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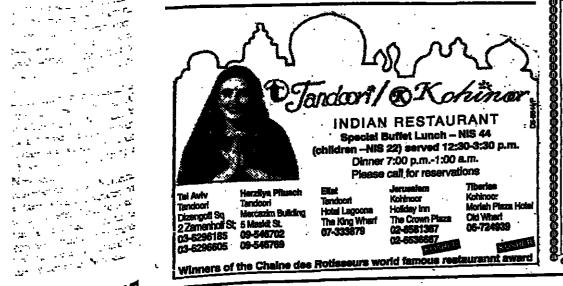
about their feelings and fears following the murder. "We want them to see that even

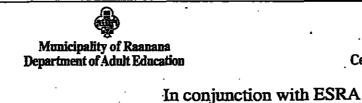
if there is only one person holding a certain idea that we have to listen to him and understand his point of view," said Egbaria.

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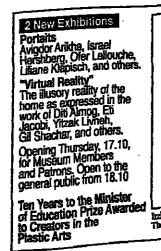
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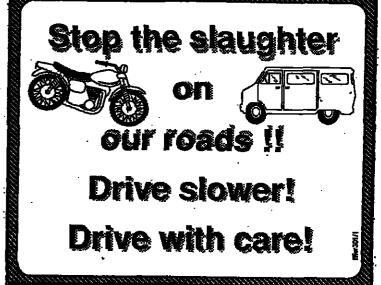
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With more MKs than ever before facing criminal charges, the question of parliamentary privilege will come to the fore this Knesset, Liat Collins writes

RITISH prime minister Benjamin Disraeli once wrote: "I was told that the Privileged and the People formed Two Nations." But if some MKs have their way, the privileges of their peers will become more

MK Elie Goldschmidt (Labor), former chairman of the Knesset House Knesset Committee, recently submitted a bill which would significantly cut back the immunity MKs enjoy and entirely abolish it for incidents not directly related to their parliamentary work. Although the bill is not related to any specific case, it will come up for discussion at the same time as an unprecedented number of MKs face criminal

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is the latest to join this list no one wants to appear on. The first meeting of the Knesset House Committee this week dealt with a request by Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair to lift Olmert's immunity to face charges of corruption during the Likud's 1988 campaign. Olmert agreed to have his immunity lifted earlier this week.

"The public is beginning to feel the Knesset has become a sanctuary for criminals," Goldschmidt says. "If an MK violates a law in a man-

ner completely unrelated to his parliamentary work there is no reason why the Knesset House Committee should have to discuss lifting his immunity."

The ministerial committee for legislation has approved Goldschmidt's bill and Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon (Likud) has also suggested a reform of the issue of parliamentary privilege but other MKs - across the political spectrum - have raised fears that it would open MKs up to false charges and

"IN MY opinion, procedural privilege can no longer can be justified," says Goldschmidt. "We've already proved over the years that the attorney general has not worked from inappropriate considerations when pressing charges and anyway the High Court could protect an MK who believes his case is being

unjustly handled.
"Practically speaking, since an MK can ask for his own immunity to be revoked and since the plenum vote is open, the whole procedure today is a facade. It's like a ceremony at the end of which the immunity is automatically lifted. It also harms MKs who are, in effect, put on trial twice; once by Knesset House Committee and once by

courts," Goldschmidt says. Meretz leader Yossi Sarid, on the other hand, says he will not support Goldschmidt's bill and notes that similar suggestions have periodically been raised without passing.

Summing up his opposition to the bill, Sarid states simply: "We know where it will start but we don't know where it will end. After all, what is [parliamentary] immunity intended for? For those cases when the regime wants to get at an MK for political reasons and set him up. The Knesset can prevent such a thing. In all the discussions, the opposition and coalition have always agreed that immunity should not be touched," he says.

Goldschmidt discounts the view. that the law of privilege acts as a barrier against political harassment. "If there is a threat that the government will get back at an MK who bothers it, then why don't journalists, mayors and other public figures likely to be in the same situation enjoy this type of immunity?" he asks. "If we're a democracy, the threat doesn't exist because of the possibility of appealing to the High Court and if - heaven forbid - we were to stop being a democracy, then the immunity wouldn't help anyway," Goldschmidt says.

IT IS one of the ironies of the current Knesset that an MK whose case sparked off much of the discussion on immunity and at least one amendment is actually the chairman of the very committee which deals with the subject, the Knesset House Committee. MK Raphael Pinhasi (Shas) was the trigger for the amendment on open votes. In 1993, the attorney general asked his immunity be lifted to face charges of fraud and falsifying doc-

The Knesset House Committee and plenum agreed but following a High Court petition by Pinhasi, a revote was ordered on the grounds that the original plenum vote hadnot met the rules of due process. In the revote, which was not open, the plenum decided against lifting his immunity. This year the attorney general again asked that Pinhasi's immunity be lifted and again Pinhasi turned to the court, which has not yet ruled on the case.

Meantime, he agreed to be replaced by Likud faction chairman Michael Eitan for such discussions even for traffic offenses an MK can on immunity in the Knesset House ask to use his immunity. "There are Committee. Eitan, however, also MKs who secretly ask the Knesset

objects to the proposed changes The immunity law is like handrails or a fence. You can survive without it but it's better that it's there. What Goldschmidt is suggesting would mean the end of immunity altogether. There can be no compromise because, in effect, such laws [restricting immunity] can only detract from the Knesset's status and stop its being involved in any case. The attorney general will go directly to the courts and the Knesset itself will be left out of the

"Who will decide whether a case is related to an MK's work or not? Will the courts be asked to decide? If an MK is charged with libel, for example, who will decide whether it's related to his work as a parliamentarian or his personal promotion? Only the Knesset can decide. Goldschmidt's bill would mean that the decision of immunity would rest entirely in the hands of the attorney general. All we need right now is for MKs threatened by legal suits and charges - sometimes justifiably, sometimes not - to feel that they don't have even the backup of a fair

picture," says Eitan.

discussion in the Knesset," he says. Eitan notes that when an MK agrees and asks for his immunity to be revoked it is done quickly. "By cooperating with the attorney general and Raful [Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan], I got Raful's immunity revoked in two minutes without either being present," he says.

Eitan says the law Goldschmidt proposes is too simplistic but he agrees with him that MKs should not be privileged when it comes to traffic violations. He notes than

Speaker to apply immunity, without the public being aware, and the police then decide not to get involved with them and cancel the reports. And there are other MKs who accept punishment as they should and do preventive driving courses or stand trial and everything. In the case of traffic violations I don't believe there should be any discrimination. Justice should be identical for all."

SPEAKER Dan Tichon (Likud) admits he is "very concerned" about the number of MKs facing criminal charges and the Knesset's image, but although he talks of the need for a reform he dismisses Goldschmidt's bill as populist and

One of Tichon's first acts as

Speaker was to establish a public committee on the issue. It is chaired by former Justice Minister Moshe Nissim who this year resigned after years as a Likud MK. "It's a matter of increasing concern," Tichon says. "I received four requests for immunity to be lifted in my first four weeks as Speaker. And a large number of MKs can expect to undergo this procedure in the future."

He wants a thorough investigation into all aspects of the issue before preparing legislation which would be more comprehensive than Goldschmidt's bill.

"Several clauses in current law are no longer relevant and there are new issues to discuss such as the ramifications of the computer age and modern means of communication," Tichon says. There are other

privilege-related questions such as physical access for MKs, he notes. Does the IDF have to open every base and every checkpoint to MKs, for example?

"It is a very complex law. I'm not favor of private members' bill on the subject. It needs greater examination by an extra-parliamentary body. Several bills amending the Knesset House Rules in the past four years were used for political purposes. I don't want a sort of revision which afterwards one side or the other will say came from political and not pertinent considerations," says Tichon. "I don't think MKs are thieves or cheats and I don't believe the Knesset is an asyhum from the law, but revision of the immunity law must be handled

Out of the House and into the courtroom?

S the Knesset returns to work, an unprecedented number of A S the Knesset returns to work, an unprocessed AMKs are facing charges that could take them out of the House and into the courtroom.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is just the latest n a list which includes: MK Meir Sheetrit (Likud) and MK Avi Yehezkel (Labor) both facing charges of fraud, forgery and breach of trust; Shas leader Aryth Deri, whose three-year trial for corruption continues; Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan (Tsomet) charged with using classified military personal information against a

MK Raphael Pinhasi is charged with fraud and forgery relating to the Shas campaign of 1988-1989. MK Eli Ben-Menahem (Labor) was cleared of charges of attacking Likud activists in the 1992 elections but still face a possible charge for attacking a public official.

MK Dedi Zucker (Meretz) was castigated by the Knesset Ethics Committee for misusing his position as an MK to gain funds for the Camera Obscura Photography School as the chairman of the school's friends' committee. It is not clear whether charges will be dropped entirely. MK Sallah Tarif (Labor) faces charges of illegal hunting.

Citing the Statute of Limitations, the attorney general this week decided to drop charges against MK Avner Shaki (National Religious Party) for distributing money to organizations headed by relatives political friends. But Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon warms "Unfortunately, the list seems set to grow longer."

Two types of immunity

THE Law of Parliamentary Privilege, passed in L the early 1950s, provides for two types of immunity: substantive immunity for acts directly related to an MK's work, which cannot be lifted, and procedural immunity, which can be revoked to allow MKs to stand trial for offenses unconnected to their parliamentary function.

The two most obvious recent examples of the two categories is the immunity Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu enjoyed"when he quoted a classified IDF document in the plenum as leader of the opposition and the procedural immunity lifted to enable MK Salah Tarif to stand trial for illegal

Although MKs enjoy immunity for offenses committed before they were elected - hence MK Benny Elon (Moledet) was not tried for his part in a Zo Artzenu demonstration - it applies only as long as

Since the 1950s many clauses have been whittled away. In the 1980s traffic offenses were taken out of the procedural immunity category after the Knesset did not lift the immunity of five MKs facing charges of driving violations.

Another amendment 18 months ago removed immunity for offenses for which the penalty is only a fine, as long as the incident is not directly related to the MK's work.
Two major amendments were the decision to bold

open votes on lifting immunity and a clause enabling MKs to ask for their immunity to be lifted and spared the televised plenum debate on the

Although there are many different views on whether the law needs revising, most MKs and legal experts agree that the law of privilege is wider for Israeli MKs than their counterparts in the west-

Who's Who of American Jewish community backs Bill

MERICAN Jews may have been split between Labor and Likud, but the leadership is signing up for Bill Clinton. One month before the American presidential election, the Clinton/Gore reelection campaign announced its "Jewish Leadership Council," which was kicked off in

the middle of last week's Washington summit.

Many of the 250-plus members are elected Democratic officials, who, of course, are expected to support Clinton.

But the council's membership list also reads like a Who's Who of American Jewish communal life.

US President Bill Clinton hopes for at least as much Jewish support as he received last election, Marilyn Henry reports from New York

The council includes David Berman, Ted Mann, Seymour Hermelin and Susan Weikers- Reich, Alexander Schindler and Volchok, the key lay leaders of Israel Bonds; Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress; Joel Tauber and Marvin Lender, major fundraisers for the United Jewish Appeal; Tommy Baer, head of B'nai Brith; and five former chairmen of the Conference

Howard Squadron. Not all are traditional liberals or

those who support the Rabin-Peres-Clinton approach to the peace process, although luminaries of Americans for Peace Now are strewn throughout the list.

This is a diverse group, including Chaim Kaminetzky, president of National Council of Young Israel, an

organization that spent most of the last few years with the opposition.

The Clinton supporters all signed on as individuals, not as representatives of their organizations. But, said one: "Let's not kid ourselves." Do you really think Clinton's campaign would have called if I wasn't on the letterhead" of some organization? In the 1992 election, Clinton got more than three-quar-

ters of the Jewish vote.

But Senator Bob Dole, the Republican nominee for president, is "no slouch in terms of American Jewish leadership support," said one of the Americans on the Clinton list. Dole's campaign office did not respond to requests for a list of key Jewish supporters. But one of the key Dole supporters is pre-sumed to be Max Fisher, the longtime powerhouse of American Jewish philanthropy. His daughter, Jane Sherman, shows up on the Clinton list.

"The Jewish Leadership Council
is important to me for the Jewish voice to continue to be heard," said Weikers-Volchok. "Our history has taught us that we must be proactive, politically involved and must never forget that we are Jews." The Jewish council is not the only

special-interest group to sign up for the Clinton campaign. There also are councils representing the hyphenated Americans who back president: Ukrainian-Americans, African-Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Irish-Americans. Then there are the Gays and Lesbians for Clinton and the Environmentalists for Clinton, and the unnamed Hollywood Crowd for Clinton.

The Jewish group is one of the largest, according to a campaign staffer, adding that "these groups are put together to show support." But it's not clear how the council members are supposed to do that.

In smaller communities, they may be asked to help get out the Jewish vote on Election Day. But in New York, for example, there's already a political machine in operation to take care of that, and Jews traditionally go to the polls in high numbers anyway. Money is another way to show support, but virtually all of those contacted by The Jerusalem Post said they had not yet been asked to give. There's not much else to do

except publicize the endorsement which, as it happens, was made during the summit between Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyabu and Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat in Washington. The American Jews, it seemed,

were ready to line up for Clinton regardless of whether the president intended to pressure Netanyahu behind closed White House doors. Their attitudes toward Clinton also appeared to be undiminished by his interference - on the losing side - in the Israeli election. The American Jews also seemed

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uninterested in publicly pushing for some items that usually are seen as high on the Jewish agenda, including moving the American Embassy to Jerusalem or for freedom for Jonathan Pollard, who is serving a life sentence of charges related to spying for Israel.

Many of those contacted by the Post said they were not fazed by the prospect of having to choose between supporting Clinton or Netanyahu if relations become strained, saying they can live with disagreements between a prime minister and a president, so long as they are convinced the president supports Israel.

Speaking off the record, most of those contacted by the Post said they lent their names to the council to ensure they have the president's ear for damage control in the event US-Israeli relations sonr.

"This is about getting access," said one Clinton supporter.

That also figures into Jewish support for Dole. We "have always had our feet planted in both [Democratic and Republican] camps, and it helps Israel," he said.

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S there anywhere in the Bible, the most fought-over book in the history of mankind, another passage that has inspired quite as much argument as the account of God's creating the world in this week's Torah reading, with which we begin again the annual cycle of the Pentateuch?

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For over a century now, since the time of Darwin, the Creationists and Evolutionists have been at it - and while until recently this seemed strictly a war between modern science and religious fundamentalism, one in which the more the fundamentalists huffed and puffed the more the scientists merely laughed at them, cracks are now beginning to appear in the scientific position itself.

Not that biology is about to return to Genesis. But at least a few of its practitioners are distinctly toying with the idea that, unless you allow for an inexplicable element of design in the development of life on earth, which is precisely what classical Darwinism refuses to do, evolution may be impossible to account for. And while those holding such a view may not comprise a large group, what is bothering them is no longer beyond the fringe of respectable scientific discussion.

Some of their questions are old ones that, rather than go away with time as scientific problems generally do with the gradual accumulation of evidence in support of this or that theory, have stubbornly remained; others are new, occasioned by recent advances in genetics and computer modeling.

Why, if, according to Darwinian theory, species graduAGAINST THE GRAIN HILLEL HALKIN

ally evolve into other species by means of small, random, incremental mutations that natural selection preserves or rejects, does the fossil record often show so few intermediate stages between one species and the

next? Why, if genetic mutations occur at a more or less steady rate, have there been immensely long periods with great stability among living forms and other, shorter periods with enormous change?

And if we accept the Darwinian explanation that complex organisms - the eye, for example - have been slowly and sometimes independently formed in differ-ent zoological phyla because each of the many steps necessary for their formation was beneficial to the animal in question, what are we to make of the recent discovery by a Swiss research team that the exact same genetic unit of DNA controls total eye development in fruit flies, human beings and cephalopods, and has been on earth for half-a-billion years?

And how incredible is it, now that we know how incredibly complicated an elementary chain of functioning DNA is (it has been estimated that, if each of the nucleotide bases in each of the 46 human chromosomes were written down as a single letter, every chromosome would fill 100 large dictionaries), to believe that the basic building blocks of life just happened to bump into each other and stay attached by sheer, natural selection-aided chance?

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to such questions; there are reasonable objections to some of the answers. Yet as long as the debate remains a scientific one, it

much comfort. Still, for all that has been written about the irreparable blow delivered to human self-importance by Darwin's proclamation that we are descended not from Adam but from apes, it is a bit difficult a hundred years later to see what the indignation was all

will not offer the Creationists

Being told, as we are by the Bible, that our first ancestor was created from a lump of dirt is not the supreme compliment either: and if the insult consisted of the assertion that we were created by no one at all but were simply stumbled upon by a Nature that wasn't even looking for us, this was more the conclusion of Darwin's audience than implicit in anything he wrote.
On the face of it, after all, it

would seem to take as much divine ingenuity to make a human being out of an ape, tripling the latter's brain size while retaining 99% of its protein structure in a blink of geological time, as out of a handful of clay, which any sculptor can model into a human body.

The sculptor, it is true, cannot make clay breathe or reproduce itself, nor do we have a scientific hypothesis explaining how this might be done; and to those who will settle for nothing less, a God who succeeded in arriving at humanity by first laboriously creating life in the chemical laboratory of a still semi-molten THERE ARE reasonable answers planet and then painstakingly

cultivating plants and breeding animals for hundreds of millions of years, may hardly be worth

Such people remind one of the shipwrecked man in the joke who prays for a miracle to save him. Soon after a log floats by; he goes on praying and watches it drift toward a distant ship; and when, having drowned and arrived in heaven, he bemoans being left in the lurch, an exasperated Deity replies, "For goodness' sake, I was doing the best I could."

Evolution may be the same, and it would be churlish to complain that it is not good enough because it is too slow or too comprehensible - as churlish as to dismiss an immensely talented magician because we have managed to understand how he does his tricks, although we could not possibly duplicate or have invented them.

In this sense, as fascinating as the debate may be, it makes little difference to the person of religious sensibility whether evolution can or cannot be modeled mathematically without the help of some mysterious "Factor X."

The greater mystery, anyway, will always be how much we do understand - in spite of which, as Spinoza put it more succinctly than I have, "God cannot properly be called [only] the remote cause of individual things unless for the sake of distinguishing them from the things which He has immediately produced, or rather which follow from His absolute nature. For by a 'remote cause' we understand that which is in no way joined to its effect. But all things which are, are in God, and so depend upon Him that without Him they can neither be nor be conceived.

Dry Bones









What is a 'secularist'?

N American public schools, religious teaching and the use of the premises for any purpose that smacks of "religion" is forbidden.

"So when do you teach religion and values?" a school principal was asked.

He replied: "All day. We teach it with arithmetic: accuracy. We teach it in language: learning to say what we mean. We teach it in history: humanity. We teach it in geography: breadth of mind. We teach it in handicraft: thoroughness. We teach it in astronomy: reverence. We teach it in the playground: fair play. We teach it by kindness to animals, by courtesy to workers, by good manners to one another, and by helpfulness in all things."

I can't think of a more exquisite "secular" summary of the words of Prophet Isaiah 58, in the Haftara read in the Yom Kippur moraing service. Isaiah quotes "religious" people who complain to God: "How is it that we fasted, but You paid no attention?"

Isaiah replies in God's name: "You fasted, but you went right on quarreling and smiting viciously." God does not desire mere selfdeprivation. The kind of "fasting" He desires is "to ... share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your home; to provide clothing to the naked..."

The term "secularism" was coined in 1846 by George Jacob Holyoake. It designates the doctrine that ethics should be based on "natural morality" - i.e. arrived at by autonomous Man rather than handed down in a Revelation by a supernatural being - and concerned solely with the well-being of mankind in the present life, what Jewish tradition refers to as Olam Hazeh the This-World.

Avowed secularists, however, "may still be deeply religious in their outlook on the universe, regarding with reverent awe both the processes of nature and the functioning of society. Even without the idea of divine sanction and law they hold to their moral ideals with deep conviction Thus they are ethical without being religious, or perhaps religious without having an explicit faith in

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God." Just as some religionists are not exemplars of the piety they profess.

Britannica, Vol. 2, "Atheism.") The Hebrew counterpart of secular/ism/ist, hilonilut, makes its first appearance even later than Holyoake's coinage, in modern Hebrew literature. It stems from the biblical and mishnaic word hol, meaning profane as Isaiah, Micah and the talmudic Sages, are opposed to holy (Leviticus 10:10); mundane, weekday, as opposed to Shabbat and other holy days (Mishna Pessahim 5:8, Shabbat

But it appears several times in several Aramaic forms in several connotations in the Midrash and in the Targum translations of the Tanach. It connotes, variously, a common Israelite as distinguished from a kohen; a Jew as distinguished from a non-Jew; and "alien" lands as distinguished from Eretz Yisrael (Vayikra Rabba 24:7; Exodus 29:33; Isaiah 24:2; Psalms: 137:4; Proverbs 2:16).

Hol stems from the root hallal, meaning desecrate (Leviticus 19:8); breach (a vow or pact; Numbers 30:3 and Psalms 89:35): redeem (sanctified fruit for cash: Douteronomy 20:6 and Yerushalmi Dema'i 24:3); exchange something sacred for something ordinary (Bava Metzia 54a).

ON THE edge of the Judean Wilderness 12 kilometers northeast of Jerusalem sits the Jewish village of Kfar Adumim. It was founded 18 years ago by a group of nationalreligious (dati-leumi) and, by their own definition, hiloni Israelis, designed as a model of religious-secular coexistence.

The news media made a great fuss over this "experiment" in dati-hiloni coexistence in a closed community (people wishing to live there must be approved by an admissions

committee). One of Kfar Adumim's media stars at the

time was its young rabbi Gavriel Goldman. Asked the usual question about dati-hiloni relations, he replied: "Here we don't speak of dati'im and hilonim; here we speak of shomrei mitzvot (those who observe Torah precepts) and shomrei yoter mitzvot (those who observe more precepts."

(See Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Goldman was, of course, putting the broad-Fable, 14th edition, and Encyclopaedia est construction on the concept shomrei mitzvot: he was suggesting that even those who do not observe the ritual precepts kashrut, Shabbat, praying with tefillin every weekday morning, etc. - but act along the ethical/moral/social lines indicated by precept-observers, even if they reject the notion that they are "observing" mitzvot commanded by a Supreme Being.

> THE SAGES of the Talmud and Midrash tell us many times in various ways that ritual mitzvot are not ends in themselves.

The purpose of the mitzvoi, the Sages teach, is to refine and elevate us and give us opportunities to earn credits through sacred and noble acts (see Mishna Makkot 3:16; Bereshit Rabba 44:1; Vayikra Rabba 13:3; Bemidbar Rabba 15:2, 5, 7, 17:5 and 21:16; and Tanhuma Shemini 8, Beha'alotecha 2 and Pinhas 12).

And Rabbi Hanina ben Dosa teaches: If your deeds exceed your knowledge, your knowledge is of everlasting value; if you do less than you know, your knowledge will not endure (Avot 3:11-12).

POET/POLEMICIST Daliah Ravikovitch, an avowed secularist, asserts that there is "no secular culture in this country."

She writes: "In Israeli secular culture I haven't found a single suitable text for regaling bride and groom or, lehavdil, consoling the bereaved ... Israeli secular culture consists of jeering the dati'im and the way they dress ... [W]hen the Jewish festivals approach ... I haven't the faintest idea what to do about them except fill the refrigerator and sink into boredom" (Shishi, December

Torah – the Tree of Life

"Now the serpent was craftier than all the beasts of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God said, You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?* And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it, lest you die."" (Gen. 3:1-3)

VERYONE knows the story of Adam and Eve. The description of the major events seems to imply that they all took place after the first week of creation. But according to the Midrash everything transpired on that first Friday not only the creation of Adam and Eve, but the expulsion from Eden and all that leads up to it.

Does it really matter if Adam and Eve were driven out on the sixth day, the eighth day or the eighth year? Apparently it does. For if all these momentous events transpired on the very day human beings were created, then whatever happened to Adam was, by definition, within the initial plan of creation.

According to Nahmanides, Adam was originally set upon the earth as a functional being, so that in terms of carrying out the will of God, he was like the sun, the moon and the stars.

However, this was not God's plan for the human being as a "fmished" entity. God wanted man to be good, but He wanted humans to choose to be good, and so He gave us an openended law, a law of possibility, so that a creature created "in the image of SHLOMO RISKIN

God" could then freely choose how he would live-hopefully heeding the higher law of God of his own volition, but with the possibility of defying it and suffering the consequences. nides holds that, based on this midrash, Adam's very creation involves a process. He starts out as a functional creature, but ends up a creature of volition.

There is textual evidence for this change in the presentation of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, which is introduced with a simple statement that in no way forbids the consumption of its fruit. "And out of the ground the Lord God made grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, the Tree of Life also in the midst of the garden, and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and

possibly rebellious) creature.

God gave us free will, and what we do with it determines our lives. This is the strange paradox under which we live. On the one hand, God wants us to do His will, but He knows that our obedience is meaningless unless we are given the possibility of defying Him. And it's this very defiance

and its consequences which creates the process of history. Indeed the turmoil of our daily lives, the seductions and blandishments that tantalize and destroy, can be traced to the Garden of Eden.

Adam and Eve suddenly becoming aware of their nudity implies a shocking discovery of their existence, not only as sexual creatures for the purpose of love and children, but of sex as lust and violation. Undoubtedly, sexuality has always been a difficult area for us to master. Indeed, the most holy day of the year, Yom Kippur, devotes the afternoon Torah reading to the various sexual prohibitions.

But the narrative doesn't stop here. When the human being forsakes God's commands, the result will be exile and alienation, enmity between humanity and nature, between nations, between husbands and wives, and between parents and children. (Gen. 3:15-20) Hence, a magnificent biblical pattern emerges. The goal of Torah is for us to end our exile and return (TESHUVA), first from the Diaspora to Israel and then from alienation to the Garden of

We must rise up from our fall and repair its evil consequences. We must utilize our God-given freedom

Shabbat Shalom

VERYWHERE we go we see jelly doughnuts, a sure indication that Hamikka will soon be here. We're a bit worried that we won't have sufficient funds for the holiday, or for our regular projects, unless donations start pouring in. We would like to thank all of our

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As long as Adam was acting only in accordance with the law of God, there was no possibility for him to veer from the path. By definition, his functionality would have prevented him from rebelling. But since even-tually he does rebel, we are forced to conclude that even within God's initial plan for Adam, God wanted him to become a living choosing (and

of choice to obey the voice of God. The Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil will always be there to tempt, but from now on wise Adam and righteous Eve will only eat from the Tree of Life - another name for Torah, the tree that we are encouraged to eat from as much as we want.

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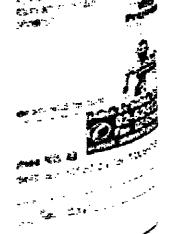
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HE PAST is catching up with Binyamin and Sara Netanyahu in more ways than one. Amongst recent visitors to Israel over Succot was Fleur Harlen a.k.a. the second Mrs Netanyahu, who was here on business. Harlen, who was married to Bibi when he was ambassador to the UN, is a partner in the Lauder

Communications group headed by Ronald Lauder, a member of the millionaires' club of Bibi supporters. The Lauder Group has entered into a strategic partnership with the Taman Group from whom it has purchased a large parcel of stock in Jerusalem Capital Studios whose vastly expanded facilities should be completed by the end of the year. Harlen was here to update herself on developments at JCS.

Meanwhile, the third Mrs Netanyahu's ex-husband Doron Neuberger has gossip mongers frothing at the mouth in anticipation of juicy revelations in his upcoming tell-all book about life with Sara. Considering all the mud that's already been slung at her, one wonders what other titillating tidbits there could be. Peyton Place has absolutely nothing on Israel.

HE WAS all set to go to the US on a Fullbright scholarship when Education Minister Zevulun Hammer asked him to be his legal counselor. It was an offer which Yitzhak Herzog, son of World Emunah President Pnina Herzog, could hardly refuse. So against his mother's wishes, he put his scholarship on hold. It's not that his mother doesn't want him to counsel the minister on legal matters. It's just that she knows from her own experience how intoxicating it is to be where the action is, and she's afraid that once he gets hooked, he may defer the scholarship indefinitely.

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Yehudit Huebner.

Huebner, who just wound up a sixyear stint as chairman of Emunah Israel, but she had not expected to. be told how much she was loved. Zahava Bassok, who delivered the address of appreciation at a festive supper attended by representatives of World Emunah at the home of Ruth and Peter Medding, left Huebner almost speechless with emotion. She did, however, manage to say that it was "the most interesting and most satisfactory job I ever had in my life." Which considering that she is a Jerusalem City Council vice mayor, a former diplomat and a former deputy director general of the Interior Ministry, was saying

KILLING THREE birds with one stone is not exactly the appropriate undes that come with the conclusion expression, but the Toast to of a term of office, said Yehndit Jerusalem organized by The

EASY

GREER FAY CASHMAN

President's Council of The Jerusalem College of Technology-Machon Lev at Rienzi, the relatively new fish and pasta restaurant operated by twins Gabriel and Mikail Lasry served a triple pur-pose. First and foremost, it raised money for the college. Secondly, it helped to publicize the restaurant, and thirdly, it introduced wine drinkers to Dalton, an up-and-coming brand of Israeli Upper Galilee wines, whose proprietor Mat Haruni happily refilled glasses. Wine and food critic Daniel Rogov, who inter alia writes for The Jerusalem Post, observed that although Israel is not producing the great wines of Bordeaux and never will, Israeli wines are definitely improving - so much so that he is not embarrassed to take them to his friends abroad for tasting. JCT President, Professor Joseph Bodenheimer expressed an interest in studying Talmudic wines. The college is already exploring the technology of that period.

NEWLY APPOINTED head of Israel Television's news department Rafik Halaby gets really annoyed when anyone points out that he is the first member of one of Israel's minority communities to be given so high ranking a position. Although he is a proud Druse, says Halaby, he got the job because of his professional abilities and not because of his ethnic background. He also gets a little hot under the collar when anyone remarks on the fact that he achieved his new status under a right-wing administration. Israel Television,

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The work of Simcha Holzberg (above) is carried on by his

notes Halaby, is state-owned, not government-owned.

SPEAKING AT the inaugural Nathan and Chaya Glassman Memorial Lecture on Ahavat Yisrael, controversial philosopher Rabbi David Hartman commented that he knows many people who won't come on aliya because they want to maintain their love for Israel and the Jewish People. They may be right. Bureaucracy and bigotry do tend to fog up rose-colored glasses.

THE APPLE hasn't fallen far from the tree. Ephraim Holzberg, son of the late Simcha Holzberg, who was affectionately known as the father of the wounded, is keeping up his father's tradition of bringing smiles to the faces of wounded soldiers and IDF veterans. The younger Holzberg recently hosted a memorial evening

by DOSH

BUT IT DOES

for his father at the Tel Aviv Hilton to which he invited some 300 of the people who had been cheered in their darkest hours by the irrepressible and often outrageous Simcha. Also present were entertainer

Yehoram Gaon, who sang many of his most popular songs, former Sephardi chief rabbi Mordechai Eliahu. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani (himself a seriously wounded war veteran) and former Knesset chairman Dov Shilansky, who worked closely with Simcha Holzberg in giving hope to those who believed that their lives had been shattered beyond repair. Many of the veterans shared anecdotes about the man who had been so instrumental in putting them back

LET THEM eat cake! It almost didn't happen. Genia Yehezkieli, president of the Moriah chapter of Bnai Brith, was delighted when more people than expected showed up for the Betty Barclay fashion-show fundraiser for needy children, but the Laromme Hotel was unprepared for such a large turnout and nearly ran out of cake. Many of the guests had to wait a long time to be served - not because the cakes were being freshly baked, but because they were being defrosted.

FOOD FOR thought Rabbi Avraham Feder in his Shemini Atzeret/Simhat Torah sermon at the Moreshet Israel Conservative synagogue in Jerusalem, observed that people on both the extreme left and the extreme right of the political spectrum have become so prejudiced in their thinking that they judge statements not by their content, but by those who make them.

INTERNATIONAL CHESS champion Garry Kasparov, who is due in Israel next week, may give Prime Minister Netanyahu a few timely pointers on the relationship between chess and politics. Kasparov is scheduled to meet the prime minister, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, who is himself a cunning chess player. Sharansky and several other noted Israeli chess enthusiasts will try to best Kasparov when he plays them simultaneously at an exhibition match at Jerusalem's Gerard Behar

LAST NIGHT'S gala celebration to mark the 20th anniversary of the Israel Tennis Center included a public auction with several valuable items offered on the block. But the most poignant of all was the donation by veteran tennis player Leah Rabin of the racket used by her husband, slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, who shared her avid enthusiasm for the game to which she introduced him some three decades ago to help him unwind.

Labor big guns snipe at Bibi while party smoulders

MICHAL YUDELMAN

ABOR, which for the most part has seemed to remain in Ishock from the election results, this week launched a fullscale information offensive against Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and his government Party leader MK Shimon Peres sounded off with a harsh assault in the Knesset. His shots across govemment bows were followed up by scathing attacks from a battery of party big guns including MKs Ehud Barak, Uzi Baram, Dalia Itzik and Shlomo Ben-Ami at a Tel Aviv news conference.

The results were immediate. Instead of dealing with acute cur-rent affairs, Netanyahu devoted much of his public utterances, and even his address to coalition members, to counterattacking Peres and the Oslo Accords. Yes, those are the same Oslo Accords he pledged to US President Bill Clinton he would

But Labor's strident anti-government campaign could not drown out the rumbling within the party itself over the inevitable leadership showdown. As Peres's camp musters support to postpone the contest by a year or two, contender Barak is having none of it. He is building up his own power base and calling support gatherings in his drive to have the showdown exactly on the scheduled date next summer, and not a day

Baram, who is also considering entering the battle for party leadership, also opposes any delay in the showdown. As Peres, Barak and Baram rose for a group photoopportunity at the end of the press conference, Peres and Barak made a valiant attempt to overcome the tension between them and gamely shook hands.

BELTWAY BLUES

Leon Charney, a delegate at the Democratic convention in Chicago for the State of New York, has been told by Washington insiders that Clinton was upset and irritated by having to schedule the emergency Middle East summit following the Hasmonean Tunnel crisis. The effort set him seriously behind in his preparations for his crucial debate with Republican candidate Bob

Beltway experts say the Washington summit, achieved no more than getting the two intransigent players to talk to one another at Erez, cost Clinton two invaluable days from his incredibly crammed presidential and campaigning schedule. After the campaign debate, a vital element in the presidential campaign, Clinton's massive lead over Dole dropped to a mere 5 percent. Could it be that he was less than well prepared as a result of taking time off to knock tiresome Middle Eastern heads together?

Charney, filming in Israel for his television show this week, said Washington insiders also felt that Secretary of State Warren Christopher scored some black presidential marks for failing to handle the situation without having to drag the parties all the way to Washington for presidential intervention in what was something short of a real world crisis. Charney's belief that Clinton is the most empathetic US president to Israel ever was echoed by Peres.

The Labor leader was among many politicians, academics and political experts interviewed for the Leon Charney Report, broadcast on WNYE television, a PBS station in New York. But the general impression in Washington is that if he is reelected, a Clinton freed from his need for Jewish votes may sing a different and harsher tune in dealings with Netanyahu. On the other hand, Charney said, Vice President Al Gore will remain solicitous of his relations with the Israeli government, since there is no doubt he will be the top Democrat choice for the Oval Office in 2000.

"Gore might be the best antidote to prevent anything outrageous from Clinton's administration." Charney said. Incidentally, US election cam-

paign expert Arthur Finkelstein, whose campaign is said to have played a key role in getting Netanyahu elected, was rejected by Dole, according to The Choice, a book by Bob Woodward. Woodward writes that Dole rejected Finkelstein because of his habit of viciously attacking his client's political opponents. Does that ring any

After interviewing some 12 people for his television show, Charney said he felt "the only way out of this quagmire is a national unity government." He also said a shift in govemment policies may only be brought about by economic conditions. If economic pressures get sufficiently acute, they might just push Netanyahu back on the peace track. RED HERRING

At regular intervals, that red herring called national unity govern-

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of revelations from her exhusband.

ment is indeed pulled out of the freezer and waved about. Amid mutual recriminations between Netanyahu and Labor this week, rumors swelled of contacts aimed at a national unity government. It was widely reported that both Netanyahu and Peres met Shas mentor Rabbi Ovadia Yosef (separately, of course) and pored over the red-herring entrails. Yosef, meanwhile, came out with

an assault on the authority of Supreme Court judges. The Movement for Quality of Government in Israel lodged a police complaint against him for perceived contempt of court, calling for rebellion and insulting public

Netanyahu and Peres had nothing to say about Yosef's utterance that Supreme Court judges "are worse than the courts of Gentiles," "are not judges of Israel" and "ran to feed the People of Israel corpses and abominations." However, some sources said the prime minister had asked Yosef to mediate between himself and Labor leaders on the issue of a unified government.

"It's a trick," called Labor's response team. Party secretary MK Nissim Zvilli said the rumors. which he said originated from the prime minister's bureau, were nothing but the waving of a doubleedged political sword. It was intended, with one swipe, to hush up extreme right-wing opposition to the Oslo Accords and redeployment which in Hebron by signaling to its leaders that Netanyahu still has that other option of a union with Labor, which would ease and speed implementation of the Oslo Accords. On the other swipe, it might neutralize opposition criticism and divert public opinion from a media chorus singing loudly of the prime minister's shortcomings and failures.



Ovadia Yosef, said to be courted by Labor and Likud.

ernment should be enough, according to this theory, to shut up even the most strident opponents. "It won't work," Labor said. But the issue became the talk of the day in political circles and even Baram, who until now has rejected the idea out of hand, said he would be willing to consider it if Netanyahu offered an opening up of the government's policy guidelines. SIZZLERS ALL

We had a "sizzling cassente" affair, now at last we may have our very own, made-in-Israel, Lady Di substitute. Lady Sara. Sara Netanyahu's first husband this week threatened to do a "James" Hewitt" on his ex-wife and publish a book revealing intimate and embarrassing secrets about her. (Hewitt was the cad and bounder who told all in a sleazy book about his five-year affair with Princess Diana.)

Thus, on the day a fake Princess Di starred in the British press, romping with a fake former lover Hewitt in a fake video cassette, our own Sara seemed next in line to hit the yellow news stands. Ah, the trials of public life in the '90s. All that's missing now is a hokey cassette of Sara to emulate the Diana fraud swallowed by The Sun newspaper. But then, there is that famous if nonexistent video cassette of her husband's infidelities which tricked him into a very real exposure of his escapades on national television.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

5 Strike engulfs corporation (6) 8 Standards in American

bars (8)

- 9 Gallery following champion? That's the stuff records are made of! (7) 10 Governor serving 8? (5)
- 11 Irreverence of wise man clutching broken relic (9) 13 Abandoned dwelling reduced in price (8)
- 14 Abroad, proclaim vehement protest (6) 17 The present picked up on the way back? (3)
- 19 Building society worker and assistant, in part (3) 20 Country air? (6)
- 23 Early call to stir tars, possibly (8)
- turns out (9) 28 First capital gains tax in Berkshire (5)

26 Boycott of clue No 6, it

- 29 Nail-hardener a tinker employed (7)
- 30 Potters' melting-pot? (8) 31 Scattered river-newts all

DOWN

- 1 Polished, rounded ball destroying moths (6) 2 Pop's not late, it seems, for
- the diversion (7) 3 Point of delivery to amuse people? (5,4) 4 Bay for a holiday? (6)
- 5 Old rogue in Capri resort with nothing on (8)

SOLUTIONS

6 Up to that time in a punt,

7 Travel by rail after cold tea

spillage in this class (8)

12 Tree has suffered damage

15 Delivery complete, article

16 Rex inept, clumsy and amateurish (8)

is to go on top of church (9)

illegally? (5)

18 Oversight?

river (6)

embassy... (8)

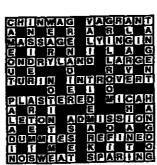
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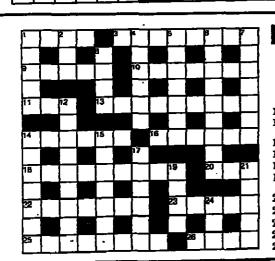
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27 The French hail-and-fare-



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 5 Piecs, 8 Treaties, 9 Spume, 16 Intruder, 11 Gigot, 14 Eta, 16 Joviel, 17 Choem, 18 Fit, 20 Pealm, 24 Effusive, 25 Feign, 28 Immature, 27 Greek. DOWN: 1 Staid, 2 Bertz, 3 Stout, 4

Repent, 8 Imprison, 7 Commuter, 12 Forswear, 13 Dialogue, 14 Eff. 15 Act, 19 Infamy, 21 Dubni, 22 Plous,



QUICK CROSSWORD

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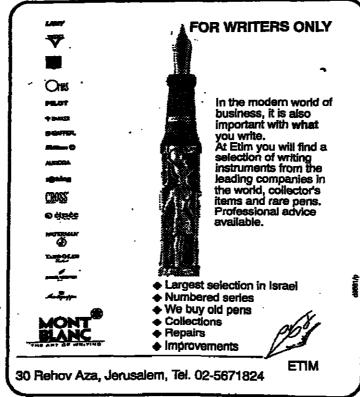
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Strauss may seek partner to expand its Elite holdings

STRAUSS is considering plans to join forces with an international food conglomerate to increase its holdings in Elite Industries after Elite completes its recovery program, concern chairman Michael Strauss confirmed yesterday.

The Strauss chairman denied reports that Strauss is negotiating to gain control of Elite Industries from the Federman family.

During the last few months the Strauss family has held preliminary discussions with David Federman, chairman of Elite, to acquire some of the Federman family's shares in the company. At the moment there are no discussions on the issue but the subject has not being ruled out.

"We are good friends and talk all the time but there have never been discussions concerning Strauss gaining control of the company. There were discussions regarding equalization of the voting shares, said Strauss.

Sources close to Federman said the talks were held due to the Federman family's pressure to repay its debts to the banks. Approximately one year ago the Federman family purchased 25% of Elite's shares from the British **GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

concern Man for \$44m., after a power struggle for control against group headed by businessman Bino Zadic. The Federman family purchased the shares with the help of a bank loan and shortly afterwards sold a package representing 15% of the voting shares and 7% of the capital shares to the Strauss

According to the source, the Federman family, which is currently paying high interest rates on its bank loan, is financially pressured. The source said Elite continues to post low earnings and as a result of the continued slump on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, the value of the company's shares has

Federman could not be reached for comment.

The Federman family currently hold 26.68% of the voting shares and 13% of the capital shares of Elite. While Strauss, through its subsidiary Gideon Holdings, controls 17% of the voting shares and 7.82% of the capital shares.

It is estimated that the Strauss . and Federman groups will try to equate their shares in the food

company, so that the two families will each control 21% of the shares. Gideon Holdings has first right of refusal according to its partnership agreement with the Federman family which was signed six months ago.

Sources in the food sector expect Strauss to try and gain control of Elite in partnership with a large international food conglomerate like Unilever, Danona, or Phillip Morris after the company's performance turns around. The sources said an international conglomerate will help Elite compete worldwide.

International food manufacturer Unilever is already an equal partner with Strauss in the company's ice cream division while the French-based food giant Danona has an agreement with Strauss to purchase 20% of Strauss Dairies in Nahariya. Phillip Morris has in the past expressed interest in investing in the food market in Israel and even discussed the issue with Elite

"We are not looking for partners at this point in time. Elite is currently in the midst of a recovery plan but maybe in future we will consider this option," said Strauss.

Elscint Signs Distribution Agreement in Japan: Elscint Ltd. (NYSE: ELT) recently announced that it has signed a distribution agreement with a vendor in Japan, giving it the exclusive distribution and service rights to Elscint's nuclear medicine products in the Japanese market. One of the first activities of the collaboration will be the introduction of Elscint's VariCam, a nuclear medicine system. Elscint designs a variety of computer-based medical imaging products.

IMT Produces On-Line Resource for Jewish Education: Intournet Marketing and Travel Ltd. has announced its latest tool for Internet-based early childhood Jewish education. "Edjewcate," which features the products of HaKol LeGan will be used as an online resource room for teachers and parents. Edjewcate can be accessed at www.intournet.co.il/edjewcate.

Liraz Sets Up Internet Site: The Liraz Publishing company has announced the establishment of a new site on the Internet that is designed to help business people. The site will offer interviews with business people as well as advice on how to manage personnel, how to develop a small business and how to network in cyberspace. The site can be accessed at www.liraz.com/hebrew.htm.

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VISHAY Intertechnology, Inc. yesterday announced that the proposed government reduction of investment grants from 34 percent to 20% does

not affect Vishay. Vishay said that a reduction in the government's investment grants would not affect the company's current plans for expansion in its plants in Dimona, Beersheba and Migdal Ha'emek, which have received

promises of government grants of 38% or 34%. However, the government's proposed plans to reduce investment grants might affect the company's plans to open a plant in Ofakim, a

source close to the company said. Months ago former prime minister

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ly to company president Felix Zandman to set up a plant in the struggling development town, at first offering the company a 38% grant and then reducing its offer to 34%.

Vishay is still waiting for completion of the agreement, which was supposed to happen months ago, and will base its decision on the government's final offer, the source said. Zandman is expected to visit Israel within the next month.

Based in Pennsylvania, Vishay develops and manufactures a wide range of electronic resistors and resistive sensors. The company markets its products to the computer, telecommunications, military/aerospace, instrument and automotive Shimon Peres and finance minister industries. Vishay Israel's four plants Avraham Shohat appealed personal currently employ 2,800 workers.

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Trade deficit shrank 0.25% per month in third quarter

THE trade deficit shrank at the monthly rate of 0.25 percent during the third quarter of the year. the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. However, the bureau is warning this may not be a long-lasting trend, but that would only become apparent in the coming months.

The deficit totalled \$700 million

in September, imports reaching \$2.3 billion and exports \$1.6b. Of the imports, 44% were of raw materials (excluding ships, airplanes, diamonds and fuel, which comprised 27%), 15% investment materials and 14% consumer goods.

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Last month exports comprised industrial products (excluding diamonds) 67%, polished diamonds 31% and agricultural produce 2%. The trade deficit for the first nine months totalled \$8.1b., against \$7.3b. recorded in the same period in 1995, with imports increasing by

\$1.6b. and exports \$0.8b. The figures show a steadying in imports, excluding diamonds and fuel, over recent months, according to the CBS. At the same time, a monthly average increase of 0.33% was registered in exports.

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As a result, the trade deficit shrunk by 0.25% a month. Imports of raw and investment

materials largely remained unchanged since March, with an increase in consumer goods brought into the country. Industrial exports increased by

some 0.33% to 0.5% in recent months, this after a steady flow in the first four months of the year. Sales of agricultural produce ended the season, which began last October, 15% higher at \$800m., compared to \$693m. in the previous year.

Finance Minister Dan Meridor agreed yesterday to examine ways of reducing the trade deficit with the European Union. During a meeting with EU Ambassador Jean Paul Jesse, Meridor agreed that a joint committee, which is scheduled to meet early next year, will discuss the deficit, which totalled \$6.5m. in 1995.



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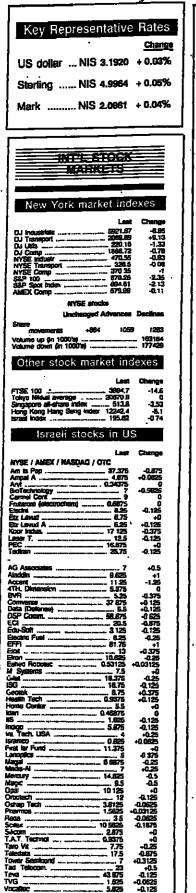
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Two-Sided index

THE Two-Sided Index sank 2.03 percent to 181.68, while the Maof Index declined 2.12% to 191.05 vesterday.

The market was led lower by a number of the more prominent issues, including Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. and Koor Industries Ltd., which lost 1.75% and 2% respectively. Their American depositary receipts had dropped 1.5% and 1% on Wall Street the previous day, prompting arbitragers to make up the price differential.

"People understand there's no market at all," said Doron Tsur, head of research at Sahar Securities. "There are no buyers, no new investors coming in."

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 54.5 million of

shares traded. More than five issues declined for every one that advanced.

Bezeq dropped 3% following a report that it might be facing competition for inner-city phone

Kitan dropped 6% after its announcement that it would close a plant in Beit She'an, dismissing some 100 workers.

Elité Industries rose 0.25% as its chairman, David Federman, said he might be selling part or all of his holdings in Elite to Michael Strauss, chairman of the Strauss family dairy interests.

The government will report the Consumer Price Index for September on October 15. Analysts estimate-the rise in the CPI is between 0.4% and 0.6%.

Markets hurt by surprisingly small rise in US jobless claims

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - The London stock market ended on a resilient note yesterday, clawing hack most of the losses triggered mid-afternoon by a smaller-thanexpected rise in US jobless claims which hit US equities and debt prices. The FTSE 100 share index had dropped as low as 3,981.2 points in the afternoon as US shares sagged in early trade. But hid speculation, gains among insurers and Wall Street's subsequent rebound dragged the FTSE hack up to end at 3,994.7, down 14.6 points.

FRANKFURT - German stocks extend losses to close floor-trade lower amid Wall Street worries and a weaker German debt market. The 30-share DAX closed down 22.24 points to 2,680.75. In post-bourse trade the DAX index stood at 2,683.52.

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PARIS - French shares closed sharply lower, in line with an opening fall on Wall Street after a surprise decline in US unemploy ment claims, investors are now focusing on today's US retail sales and producer price data for interest rate prospects. The bluechip CAC-40 index closed down 11.08 points or 0.52 percent to 2,135.63.

ZURICH - A feeble early Wall Street put Swiss shares under pressure in late trade and the hlue-chip Swiss Market Index (SMI) fell below the important level of 3,800 points, shares of watchmaker SMH fell 2.9% or 25 Swiss francs to 822 francs on a negative study of the Smart Car joint venture with Mercedes. The All-share Swiss Performance Index (SPI) was down 0.2% or 4.85 points to 2,430.54.

TOKYO - The Tokyo stock market was closed yesterday for a national boliday and will reopen today. On Wednesday, the key 225-share Nikkei average lost 167.70 points or 0.80% to finish at 20,870.83.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong shares ended down slightly, just shy of Wednesday's record closing high, due to profit-taking on some of the market's better performers. The Hang Seng index eased 8.10 points to close at 12,242.47.

SYDNEY - The Australian share market finished on a firmer note with blue chips reversing carly falls after a weaker-thanexpected September jobs report spurred renewed speculation of a near-term interest rate cut. The benchmark All Ordinaries index closed 12.8 points higher at

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares closed near their day low as a weaker Wall Street led global markets away from their recent record highs. The All-share index fell 27.6 points to 7,031.5, as Industrials dipped 28.7 points to 8,238.7 and the Gold index ended down 2.8

NYSE lower amid new inflation worries

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks fell ngain yesterday as interest rates rose further in the bond market after some signs of economic strength stirred lingering inflation worries.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average dropped 8.95 points and closed at 5,921.67, exlending a week-long slide from record levels and its first-ever move above 6,000. Earlier, the blue-chip barometer was off nearly 26 points.

Broader measures also recovered from steeper losses in the morning, but the rebound was cut short by a worsening bond market

Stocks have struggled this week amid growing caution before the impending release of company earnings reports and new inflation data. With the bond market providing four straight days of rising interest rates as an excuse, investors have moved to

secure profits from the stock market's recent gains.

Bonds fell yesterday morning amid indications of strength in September's retail sales and news that first-time claims for jobless henefits fell by 22,000 last week to 319,000, the lowest level in five

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by nearly a 7-10-6 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,093 up, 1,265 down and 884 unchanged.

NYSE volume totaled 394.95 million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 405.96 million in the previous

The Standard and Poor's 500stock index fell 2.21 to 694.53, and the NYSE's composite index fell 1.00 to 370.35.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 1.01 to 1,236.97, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index fell 0.11 to

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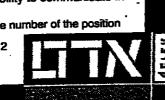
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PM to reveal privatization plan soon

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu will reveal his plan for the privatization of government companies within the next few weeks, he said yesterday.

"We intend to enact a comprehensive privatization program." he said. "The legal and organizational are being completed now so that we can gradually sell off government assets to the public. We don't believe in holding on to assets. There must be a special reason for the government to keep banks or airlines."

Speaking to the Commercial and Industrial Club in Tel Aviv, he also said he is resolved to carry out at least NTS 4.9 billion in budget cuts, adding that additional cuts may be necessary because government revenue has

He said the budget will be brought before the Knesset for first reading end of the month. He slammed the previous government for leaving him a failing

economy, not in the least because

of the "excessive" wage agree-

ments it had reached. He promised that changes would be made in the budget cuts to avoid harming the weaker sec-

tors of the population.
"We certainly understand specific social needs," he said, "specifically those of development towns and the weakest sectors of society. We will make the needed corrections so that they will not be harmed any more than is absolutely necessary."



Namdar to head road safety council Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy this week named Dr. Abaron Namdar, a lecturer at Bar-Ilan University, as chairman of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents. Namdar, 51, replaces Judge Dov Levine, who is retiring after serving for 14 years. Namdar heads Bar-Ilan's Israel Society for Legal Aid. Haim Shapiro

Request to extend Hebron observer force Foreign Ministry director-general Estan Bentzur and Sach Erekat. responsible for Palestinian Anthority local government affairs, yesterday signed a joint letter asking the Norwegian government to extend the operation of the Norwegian force in Hebron.

Norway currently operates in the framework of the Temporary. International Presence in Hebron (TIPH), in accordance with a temporary agreement signed about six months ago. When an-Israeli-Palestinian agreement on the redeployment in Hebron is. reached, the international presence in the city will be expanded, and other countries will also participate in it. Jerusalem Past Staff

El Al, Tower fight for winter passengers
The fight for the off-season passenger developed into a full-fledged
price war this week with both El Al and Tower Air offering a

round-trip fare of \$699 from Ben-Gurion Airport to New York. Tower had announced the low fare on Thesday, with El Al following later in the day. Both fares go into effect on Monday. El-

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Al said that the price would remain in effect until December 31,
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airline's new director-general, in announcing the new fare.

In addition to the New York fare, Pl Al is offering low prices to

other American destinations, such as \$907 to Los Angeles, \$843 to Chicago, \$865 to Miami, and \$879 to Orlando. Haim Shapiro

Sara Netanyahu's secretary reportedly quits Rosey Foristi, Sara Netanyahu's personal secretary, quit bet job yesterday, according to Channel 2. The station reported that "the secretary informed her superiors that she could no longer take working with Mrs. Netanyahu and the treatment she was receiving from her." The report added that "immediately after the elections, a special bureau was opened in the Prime Minister's Office for the prime minister's wife, something that was never done before," and that "her personal secretary was brought in specially from the Likud as a political appointment." The Prime Minister's Office last night denied the report.

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Former secretary of state Henry Kissinger (left) shakes hands with National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon during an Israel-North America Business Conference in New York on

Lebanese press: Two SLA soldiers defected, one captured

FIGHTING continued in the security zone yesterday when gunmen opened fire twice with light weapons at a South Lebanese Army

outpost in the zone's western sector. There were no casualties in the early morning attack on the position in the Beit Leif area and SLA gumers returned fire.

Hizbullah and its rival Amal have been concentrating their operations recently against SLA targets, especially long-range attacks on SLA positions.

OC Northern Command Maj. Gen. Amiram Levine told reporters on .Wednesday it appeared the terrorists thought that the SLA was a weak link. He stressed, however, that the SLA was coping well and was continu-

DAVID RUDGE ing to carry out routine operations

and even initiate activities. As if in response to Levine's comments, Lebanese newspapers reported yesterday that two SLA soldiers had recently defected to what was described as the "liberated areas." The two reported defectors, who were named as Haytaham Nassr, 16, who served

also gave interviews which were broadcast on Hizbullah radio. Baddah was quoted as saying that he had been seeking to leave the SLA and the zone for a long time and the opportunity arose

at the Barasheet compound, and

Ahmed Baddah, from Beit Leif,

north to vote in the Lebanese elections and stayed there.

Nassr was quoted as saying that a roadside bomb which blew up near Barasheet village, north of the zone, on April 9 killing a teenager and wounding three others, had been prepared by the IDF. Hizbullah blamed the IDF at the time and fired Katyusha rockets at the Galilee, prompting Operation Grapes of Wrath two days later.

There were also reports in the Lebanese newspapers earlier this week that an Amal reconnaissance patrol had captured another SLA soldier while he was hunting in the Talousa region the previous week.

The newspaper reports identified him as Nafik Dakik, of after his family crossed to the Markabeh village.

Product developed here may ease Alzheimer's

A PRODUCT developed here that is derived from soya lecithin has been found in clinical tests to slow the deterioration of Alzheimer's patients and even bring about an improvement in their memory and cognitive abilities, a Kaplan Hospital team has reported.

The team - Dr. Ya'acov Gindin, Dr. Simona Naor, Dr. Yuri Stovichek and Orli Roich - reported at this week's Jerusalem International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease about the effects of Al-Telect, the phospholipid mixture developed here. The

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product contains phosphatidylserine and phospatidic acid.

Ninety-six patients were given the product three times a day, while a control group received a placebo. The patients' physiological condition was measured, and patients and relatives were queried on whether they wanted to continue taking the pills. The researchers found that the daily functioning of those who received Al-Telect deteriorated less than the control group. The dementia in those tak-

ing Al-Telect was slowed, and in some, there was even an improvement. The effect was most marked in patients in the early stages of the disease.

Nearly half of those on Al-Telect wanted to continue taking the pills, while no one taking the placebo wanted to continue. A previous Kaplan study of phosphatidylserine on healthy people with age-related memory problems that were not due to Alzheimer's, found that their memory improved after taking the

ARAFAT

(Continued from Page 1) What we seek in Hebron are security arrangements which are completely compatible with the peace deal," Netanyahu said in a speech to business executives in Tel Aviv. "They have nothing to do with reopening the agree-

ments." In a statement released last night, Ross announced that the peace talks would move from Erez to Taba and Eilat, where discussions will be held on a rotating

Furthermore, he said, "both sides agreed that they are not reopening or renegotiating the [Oslo 2] agreement and that they are discussing the mechanisms and the modalities for how best to implement the agreement,"

Shortly after making his speech, Arafat spoke to 40 representatives from donor countries, including Israel. He told them that many Palestinians are on the verge of starvation and that poverty and peace do not go together. Hours later, the Defense

Ministry announced a significant easing of the closure to help Palestinians economically, despite immediate security fears. Yesterday evening, the economic sub-committee of the joint Israeli-Palestinian steering committee met at the Erez checkpoint to discuss long-term economic problems, including employment, raising exports, and investment. Arafat was welcomed to the council session by a marching band and cheering schoolgirls, as well as a large number of ordinary civilians, indicating increased popular support. On his last visit to Ramallah on

August 28, he called for a general strike the following day and for a mass pilgrimage to Al-Aksa Mosque the following Friday. However, checkpoints were reinforced to prevent a surge of Bethlehem and Ramallah residents from trying to enter the city and few tried to enter.

"The recent events [the violence of September 25 to 27] have made Arafat the symbol he was before he came to Gaza. People had been criticizing him more than ever before, but now he has become a symbol again," Husam Khader, a legislator from Balata refugee camp, said yesterday.

Two months ago, Khader, who was imprisoned 23 times, by Israel, was reprimanded by Council chairman Ahmed Qreia during a session in Bethlehem for saying that the Palestinian people felt that the human rights situation under the Palestinian Police was worse than under Israeli occupation. Yesterday, he said his own

observations of the September shootouts, which he said Israeli troops began, had changed his attitude toward the Palestinian

As for Arafat, he noted, "One word from him brought the people out against the soldiers and one word made them stop."

STABLES

(Continued from Page 1) ished, and only then would the site be officially opened. In the meantime, however, some Moslem worshipers will be allowed inside, starting today.

"People are very excited and happy that we have finally finished the work, and I am sure some of them will try to pray there tomorrow," Husseini said,

We understand their excitement, and won't stop them. There are carpets ready for people to put on the ground.

"We aren't planning any cele-brations," he added. "For us, Marawani is not a new mosque, but an area that we have used in the past that was closed for several months for renovations and is now being reopened."

Hamas warns US not to extradite Marzook

HAMAS warned yesterday the United States would "pay a price" if it extradites a political leader of

the group to Israel.

"The extradition of the struggler, Doctor Mousa Abu Marzook, will ignite a new round of bloody confrontation," Hamas said in a leaflet faxed to an international news agency in Jerusalem.

"The leaders of injustice and aggression in America and the Zionist entity will realize what a mistake they have made," it said. The American provocation against our people and our children's feelings will not last long without a price being paid."
In New York on Wednesday a

federal judge refused to stop the extradition of Marzook, who is to be returned to Israel on charges of murder and other violent acts.

We in the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas see this American decision as a new, clear declaration of war against the Palestinian people," the Hamas leaflet said.

Abu Marzook's extradition will not be immediate because he can appeal against the ruling. His lawyer could not be reached for

In addition, the US secretary of state has not yet certified the deportation order.

Israeli firms prepare for military exhibit in US

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FIVE Israeli companies will be plying their wares at an annual AUSA defense industry show in Washington next week. The show. which coincides with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai's visit to the American capital, draws the top defense companies from around the world.

The Israeli industries are presenting a wide range of materiel. starting from protective body armor to drones and cannons. An additional three Israeli companies will be featuring the US-Israeli developed Nautilus laser, designed to shoot down incoming missiles. The Israel Aircraft Industries will be displaying its range of unmanned surveillance aircraft. Rafael will be pushing its battletested "reactive add-on armor." Rafael is hoping to sell the armor. which is installed on the Merkaya tanks in Lebanon, to the US Army for its Bradley fighting vehicles.

The other Israeli defense industries are El-Op, which will be showing its helmet-mounted display for helicopter pilots and tank commanders, and EFW which supplies parts for the Bradley. Israel Military Industries will showcase its 120 mm cannon system, and the new 5.56 mm "Negev" light machine gun. It also is plying its body armor and nonlethal ammunition which is in growing demand among US law enforcement agencies

HUSSEIN

(Continued from Page 1) that King Hussein is deeply disappointed by Netanyahu's handling of the peace efforts. Information Minister Marwan

Muasher said that it is rare for the

king to go public with criticism. The king and the government always work in quiet diplomacy to affect things," Muasher said in an interview with Army Radio. "The fact that the king has been so vocal recently ... reflects a deep

disappointment ... with the policies so far" Foreign Minister David Levy played down the friction. "When a small cloud passes over, that does not mean, heaven forbid, that the whole house of cards is collapsing," he told Army

Radio. 'We have relations of peace with Jordan. They have their own reasons and interests, which are not always identical [to ours], but from there to talking about a crisis, a rift - it is not like that," Levy said.

The Jordanian Embassy in Tel Aviv. meanwhile, received two bomb threats this week, including one yesterday. Employees were evacuated from the embassy building for two hours yesterday, but no explosives were found.

The sound of shooting was heard near the border with Jordan, not far from Kibbutz Ashdot Ya'acov in the very early hours of yesterday morning. Israel Radio reported that IDF troops on patrol in the area opened fire toward the Suspected source of the shooting. Subsequent searches, however, revealed no trace of any gummen. The Jordanian authorities were informed of the incident.

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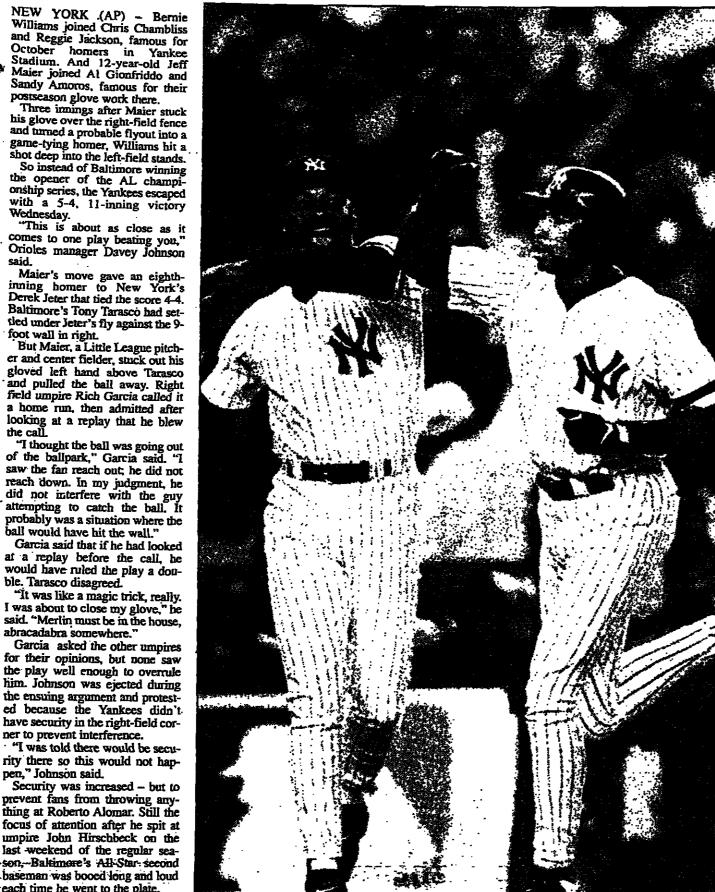
pen," Johnson said.

off the plate. He made the final out of four innings, but did manage a great defensive play when he threw out Cecil Fielder in the sixth while falling from his right knee on the center field grass.

Maier's defensive play was more critical, though he didn't get to keep the ball - another fan snatched it away.

"I was just trying to catch the ball," Maier, from Old Tappan, NJ. said. "I feel bad for the Baltimore fans. But as a Yankee fan, if I helped the team I feel pretty good. I think I had a right to catch it because I thought it was going to go out."

Jeter, not exactly a power hitter, had 10 homers during the regular homer of the postseason.



THE FAT LADY SINGS - Bernie Williams, whose 11th-inning home run gave the Yankees the AL Championship series opener, is congratulated by third base coach Willie Randolph.

Both homers were by left-hand-

"That didn't win the game, Bernie won the game," he said. Game 2 was played last night at Yankee Stadium. Games 3,4 and 5 (if necessary) will be played at Baltimore's Camden Yards today,

tomorrow and Sunday. Before Maier's magic, Brady Anderson and Rafael Palmeiro showed off some of Baltimore's record power, helping the Orioles take a 4-2 lead with solo homers. Anderson's third homer of the postseason (following 50 during the regular season) tied the score

2-2 in the third. Palmeiro then led

off the fourth with his second

ed batters off Andy Pettitte, who started the opener instead of David Cone because lefties have been more effective against the Orioles. Pettitte allowed 23 homers in 34 regular-season starts, but just one was to a left-hander: the Rangers' Rusty Greer on April 14. While the field still was damp

from Tuesday's downpour, it was summy for the first postseason day game at Yankee Stadium in 15 years. And the ballpark's famous autumn sun field in left led to the game's first run.

Tim Raines' pop fell in front of BJ Surhoff in the first, and he came around on groundouts by

Wade Boggs and Williams.

Eddie Murray's RBI groundout in the second tied it, but Jim Leyritz's run-scoring grounder put the Yankees ahead in the bottom

Surhoff's sacrifice fly put Baltimore ahead 4-2 in the sixth, but Armando Benitez walked pinch-hitter Darryl Strawberry with two outs and the bases loaded in the seventh.

"We had a lot of opportunities," Johnson said. "We gave them a couple of runs early in the game and made some fielding mistakes. It should not have been that

Warns Us Yankees top Orioles in 11 Maccabi staves off pesky Panionios

MACCABI Tel Aviv put on its best display of the season last night in Athens, holding off a pesky Panionios to post a 74-69 win and improve its Euro League record to 3-1.

The victory - Maccabi's first in Greece in the championships since defeating Aris Saloniki on February 23, 1989 - keeps the Israelis in a first-place tie with Stefanel Milan in Group A.

Doron Sheffer came alive to score six of his overall 13 points in the last two minutes of the game after Panionios had charged back from a 10-point halftime deficit to close the margin to 64-62 with only 2:15 on the clock.

Sheffer, who was only 3-9 from the field before his late-game spurt, took charge of the offense when Maccabi appeared ready to hand the game to a clearly inferior Greek club.

He sank two free throws and then connected on two straight shots (one on a beautiful drive to the basket), both of which followed Panionios baskets and several turnovers by Maccabi.

The Greeks, who fell to to 2-2 in the championships and lost for the first time at home after two victories, were doomed by some dreadful shooting from three-point range (3-16, 18.7 percent) and an equally embarrassing 62.5% (20-32) accuracy from the free-throw

Former NBA player Mitchell Wiggins was a particularly guilty party. He entered the game leading Panionios in scoring with a 18.3 average, but managed only seven

BRIAN FREEMAN

points on the night (none in the second half) and made just one of six free throws. He is now only 10-24 (41.6%) from the charity stripe in the championships.

Panionios, also helped do itself in with some foolish play down the stretch.

After cutting the margin to 64-62, Panionios sent Sheffer to the line with a foul. As his second shot went through the net, Miroslav Petsarski committed a needless foul on Nadav Henefeld, who also sank both free-throw to give Maccabi a gift 68-62 advantage with 1:55 remaining.

Immediately previous to that, Panionios blew a golden opportunity after a Maccabi missed shot. The Greeks rebounded the ball and Federico Pieri sped down the court on a fast break and an apparently easy score. But Brad Leaf slid into defensive position and took the charge to stymie the rally.

That play was indicative of another superb performance off the bench by Leaf, who nailed a three-pointer seconds after entering the game in the second half when Randy White fouled out and Panionios cut the lead to 54-51 with 11:10 left.

Leaf was also instrumental in rebuilding the advantage in the first half.

Maccabi had jumped out to a 20lead six minutes into the game. thanks mainly to nine quick points the sharp-shooting Borko

But after the Greeks answered

with eight unanswered points to cut the advantage to 20-17 with 12:15 remaining in the half, the recently inserted Leaf took charge of the offense.

He scored four points, assisted on several baskets, pulled down three rebounds and kept alive the ball at the offensive end of the court on Maccabi's last attack of the half to finish off a 24-17 run and send the Israelis into the locker room with a 44-34 margin.

Panionios came out after the break and immediately chipped away at the lead. Although they pulled within one point at 59-58 with 7:35 remaining, Panionios never caught up and in fact did not

lead the entire game.

Henefeld led Maccabi with 14 points, while Sheffer had 13, Buck Johnson 12, Radovic 9 and Leaf and Oded Katash 7 each.

Panionios was paced by Theofanis Christodoulou with 13 points and Gerrit Hammink with 10. Foreigner Keith Gatlin had only 9 points (6 from the free-throw line), while Wiggins and George Kalaitzis collected 7 each. In other Group A action, Limoges defeated visiting Ulker 84-80 and host Stefanel Milan beat CSKA Moscow 87-74.

GR	OUP A		
Team	W	Ł	Pts
Maccabi Tel Aviv	3	1	7
Stefanel Milan	3	1	7.
Panionios	2	2	6
Ulker	2	2	· 6
CSKA Moscow	1	3	5
Limoges	1	3	5

Liverpool's Matteo winning battle against injury

LONDON (Reuter) - England call-up Dominic Matteo is winning his battle to play in the heart of Liverpool's defense in tomorrow's Premier League clash with Manchester United.

Matteo, 22, who won a place in Glenn Hoddle's squad for Wednesday's match against Poland, is recovering from an injury to his right knee.

After being sidelined for almost two weeks, he is hoping to oust Neil Ruddock from the team to face the defending champions at Old Trafford.

Ruddock is on stand-by but will face the wrath of United's fans if he plays. In a reserve match between the two Lancashire sides last Saturday his challenge left United striker Andy Cole with broken bones in

Liverpool manager Roy Evans was playing down the incident on yesterday.

The pre-match hype involving Razor (Ruddock) will be whipped up by the media but there was no malice in his challenge on Cole. The lad was through and Razor made a last-ditch tackle. That is all. There was no great intent."

Ruddock said: "I was shocked when I found out he was badly injured. I can only assume it was the way he fell because there was certainly no malice in my challenge.

Liverpool forward Robbie Fowler, the other England squad member sidelined this week, is rated as 50-50 for tomorrow with an ankle injury which has kept him out of the past two matches.

MANCHESTER UNITED Playing style: A basic 4-3-3 formation, although manager Alex Ferguson changes his playing style to suit the occasion. Traditionally Manchester United plays expansively, attacking down the flanks or coming through the middle

with equal case. Strengths: Proven class in almost every position with players of great flair and vision like Eric Cantona and Ryan Giggs complemented by solid workers like Gary Pallister and Denis Irwin. Weaknesses: The volatile temperament of Roy Keane,

and to a lesser extent these days, Cantona. Some inexperience among younger players has cost United matches, most notably recently against Juventus in the European Champions League. Ferguson may also be slightly less focused on the English title this year and more concerned with the European Cup.

Motivation: A 55,000 crowd packed into Old Trafford is motivation enough and United has not lost at home for almost two years. Always utterly determined to beat Liverpool and not fall seven points behind in the stand-Line-up: Peter Schmeichel, Gary Neville, Gary Pallister,

David May, Denis Irwin, David Beckham, Eric Cantona, Nicky Butt, Roy Keane, Ryan Giggs, Karel Poborsky, Ole Gunnar Solskjær, Brian McClair, Paul Scholes. LIVERPOOL

Playing style: Manager Roy Evans favors a fluid 3-5-2 formation with an emphasis on solid defense and very quick counter-attacks in the traditional Liverpool style of short,

sharp, speedy passing and hard running off the ball. Strengths: Confidence is high for the league leaders after an unbeaten start to the season and seven straight wins, their best run since 1990. Patrik Berger's goals and Steve McManaman's growing authority in midfield are other key

Weaknesses: An over-elaborate passing game sometimes causes them to lose the initiative.

Motivation: Nothing would give Liverpool more satisfaction than avenging their FA Cup final defeat and ending United's long unbeaten home record.

Line-up: David James, John Scales, Neil Ruddock, Jason McAteer, Dominic Matteo, Phil Babb, Steve McManaman, Stan Collymore, Michael Thomas, Robbie Fowler, Jamie Redknapp, John Barnes, Patrik Berger, Lee

Smoltz, Lopez lead **Braves past Cardinals**

Braves expect John Smoltz to pitch well in October and count on Javy Lopez to deliver clutch hits. The real surprise was all those empty seats - then again, maybe these fans are just waiting for another World Series.

Lopez broke his bat on a tie-breaking, two-run single in the eighth inning and the Braves, behind yet another strong pitching performance, beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 Wednesday night in

series.

"It's very important to win this one because now we can come in tomorrow more confident. tomorrow more confident and relaxed." I oner said

Smoltz improved to 7-1 lifetime in the postseason, but that was no shocker. Reseason Smoltz improved to 7-1 lifetime shocker. Baseball's defending champions expert that champions expect that from the cnampions expect that from the ace who led the majors in wins and strikeouts this season

atmosphere. I'm comfortable in this," Smoltz said this," Smoltz said.

3,000 unoccupied seats in the upper deck in center upper deck in center field. It Braves' history of 28 home post-season games, but the season games, but the team already has sold all of its tickets for a possible World Series.

The fans – at least the ones that showed up – saw a hell of a game," Atlanta's Chipper Jones said.

misplayed bunt single in the eighth, as the Braves won their

ATLANTA (AP) - The Atlanta eighth straight home game in the "We made some mistakes,"

Cardinals' manager Tony La Russa said. "When you sit back at night and think about how they scored those two runs in the eighth, it's going to grate at you."

Mark Wohlers pitched the ninth inning and earned the save as he did in each game of the first-round

which Atlanta held the Dodgers to .147 hitting. Game 2 was scheduled for last night, with Greg Maddux facing Todd Stottlemyre of the Cardinals. Games 3,4 and 5 (if necessary) will be played tomorrow, Sunday and Monday at St. Louis's Busch

sweep of Los Angeles, during

Smoltz limited St. Louis to five hits over eight imnings. He struck out six and walked two.

The Cardinals had caused more trouble for Smoltz than any team throughout his career. They had gone 9-5 against him, and stopped his 14-game winning streak in

St. Louis starter Andy Benes, who beat Smoltz back in June, allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings. He struck out seven and walked none, and remained winless in five career postseason starts. Reliever Mark Petkovsek took the loss.

Mark Lemke, who hit a two-run single earlier, drew a leadoff walk from Petkovsek in the eighth. Jones followed with a bunt that bounced high; and Petkovsek slipped trying to field it.

Petkovsek whipped a throw to second baseman Luis Alicea, covering first base on the play, but Jones knocked the ball out of Alicea's glove and Lemke made it "It wasn't your routine bunt back

to the pitcher," La Russa said.
Tony Fossas relieved and retired Fred McGriff on a popup. After Jones stole second, pinch-hitter Terry Pendleton was intentionally walked to load the bases. TJ Mathews relieved, and

Lopez, who was 3-for-25 in his career with the bases loaded, managed to hit an 0-2 pinch up the

middle for a single.

Lopez, though, has gotten a bunch of key October hits in the last two seasons.

The Cardinals tied it at 2 with a run in the seventh, although a curious decision by La Russa may have cost them a chance to score Gary Gaetti, John Mabry and

Tom Pagnozzi began the inning

with singles, producing a run. That brought up Alicea, the No. 8 hitter, with runners on first and second and no outs. But La Russa, whose team led the majors with 88 sacrifices this season, chose not to bunt. Instead, Alicea swung at the first pitch and

hit an easy fly ball to left. Willie McGee pinch hit for Benes and also flied out to left on the first pitch. After a wild pitch, Smoltz escaped by retiring Ozzie Smith on a slow grounder, with shortstop Jeff Blauser cutting in and making a nice play.

Indian spin trio wrecks Australia

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - Indian spinners Anil Kumble, Sunil Joshi and Aashish Kapoor exploited a dry and cracked pitch to dismiss Australia for 182 on the first day of the one-off Test yesterday. India was 57 for one at the

close after losing opener Vikram Rathore for five when he was caught by Ricky Ponting at midwicket off paceman Paul Reiffel. Leg-spinner Kumble snapped up four for 63, left-arm spinner Joshi captured two for 36 and Kapoor took two for 30 with his

off-breaks as Australia collapsed from 81 for one. Paceman Venkatesh Prasad and a run out accounted for the other two wickets after Australia won the toss on a surface that was

expected to aid the slow bowlers. Prasad made the initial breakthrough, trapping captain Mark Taylor lbw for 27, and Ponting was yorked by Kapoor for 14 in the last over before lunch. Ponting's dismissal marked the

start of the decline in which Australia's last nine wickets tumbled for 101. Top scorer Michael Slater was caught and bowled by Kumble for 44, made in 130 minutes off 96

deliveries and including six fours, and Steve Waugh (0) was caught behind by a fumbling Nayan Mongia off an inside edge off Mark Waugh and Michael Bevan briefly checked the slide by adding 49 for the fifth wicket

before Bevan, playing across the

line, was trapped leg before by

Joshi for 26.

Waugh also made 26 before falling to Joshi, and Kumble then polished off the lower order, the last six wickets crashing for 39. India started painfully slowly with Mongia struggling for 40

minutes in a shaky role as opener before hitting the first four of the innings. He was unbeaten on 26 at Australia first innings

M.Slater c and b Kumble M.Taylor Ibw b Presed R.Ponting b Kapoor M.Waugh c Dravid b Joshi S.Waugh c Mongia b Kapoor M.Bevan Ibw b Joshi Lifealy b Kumble B.Hogg c Rathore b Kumble P.Reiffel c Dravid b Kumble P.McIntyre not out G.McGrath run out Extras (b-4 lb-3 nb-1) Fall of wickets: 1-47 2-81 3-93 4-94 5-143 6-144 7-147 8-169 9-170

Bowling: Prasad 12-4-34-1, Johnson 4-1-12-0, Joshi 23-7-36-2, Kumbie 24-7-63-4 (nb-1), Kapoor 10-3-30-2 V.Rathore 1/8 c Ponting b Reiffel 5 N.Mongia not out

S.Ganguly not out Extras (b-4 nb-3) Total (for one wicket) Fall of wicket: 1-13 To bat: S.Tendulkar, M.Azharuddin, R.Dravid, S.Joshi, A.Kapoor, A.Kumble, V.Prasad, D.Johnson. Bowling: McGrath 4-0-8-0 (nb-2), Reiffel 6-2-13-1, S.Waugh 4-1-13-0 (nb-1), McIntyre 4-1-10-0, Hogg 3-1-9-

Betar tries to keep champs at bay

MACCABI Tel Aviv and league-leading Betar Jerusalem present a very attractive centerpiece for the fifth round of National League action this

The league leaders are, together with Hapoel Petah Tikva, the only

two teams with 100 percent records after four rounds of action; and the defending champions have clawed their way back into third place in the The clash comes in the wake of Israel's excellent display against Russia on Wednesday night and will undoubtedly be a passionate affair,

as Maccabi tries to maintain its 20-month unbeaten home record and Betar attempts to hold onto the top spot in the standings. Itzik Zohar will undoubtedly be the man of the moment as be tries to prove to Maccabi that it was wrong in letting him go. Elsewhere, Hapoel

Haifa bosts Hapoel Petah Tikva in an attempt to regain some confidence at the expense of the visitors' 100 percent record, while Maccabi Petah Tikva plays host to Maccabi Haifa as the two also attempt to make an assault on the top of the standings. Hapoel Beersheba welcomes Hapoel Taiba in a match which the man-

agements have billed as an exercise in sportsmanship. The players have been asked to shake hands after every foul or rough tackle. The police are not taking any chances, however, and they will be on hand at the Beersheba municipal stadium in case of trouble.

This weekend's National League fixtures (all matches kick off at 15:00 tomorrow unless stated):

Hapoel Jerusalem vs. Zafririm Holon, Teddy Stadium, today, 15:00; Ironi Rishon Lezion vs. Hapoel Tel Aviv; Hapoel Bet She'an vs. Hapoel Kfar Sava; Maccabi Petah Tikva vs. Maccabi Haifa, 15:30; Hapoel Haifa vs. Hapoel Petah Tikva, Kiryat Eliezer, 15:45; Hapoel Beersheba vs. Hapoel Taiba, 15:30; Maccabi Herzliya vs. Bnei Yehuda; Maccabi Tel Aviv vs. Berar Jerusalem, National Stadium, 17:45.

Red Wings acquire Shanahan

Shanahan in a trade with Hartford. The Red Wings sent holdout

DETROIT (AP) - The Detroit Red Keith Primeau, veteran Paul Wings acquired Brendan Coffey and a No. 1 draft pick to the Hartford Whalers in exchange for Shanahan and a minor leaguer.

WEDNESDAY'S NHL RESULTS: NY Islanders 3, Ottawa 3; Montreal 6, Los Angeles 3; Detroit 2, Edmonton 0; Anaheim 2, Chicago 0; St. Louis 3, Calgary 1; Buffalo 2,

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Levy tries to prevent closure of Kitan plant

BLACK smoke billowed from the grounds of the Kitan textile firm's factory in Beit She'an yesterday as angry workers protested management's decision to close virtually the entire plant and sack 110 employees.

As tempers flared at the plant, Foreign Minister David Levy, himself a Beit She'an resident, led concerted efforts to try and prevent the closure and the dis-

Levy, who altered all his plans yesterday in order to be with the workers, decided to stay in Beit She'an and asked senior civil servants and Kitan representatives to meet him there and try to resolve the problem.

Director-general of the Prime Minister's Office Avigdor Lieiberman and the head of the Employment Service Alex Faran, as well as the director-general of Environment Ministry Nehama Ronen, were among those who arrived in Beit She'an.

Together with Levy, they met with Kitan's deputy managing director Gadi Lax, and offered a series of incentives and benefits to the firm in an effort to persuade management to change its decision, but to ne avail.

Pinni Kabalo, head of the Histadrut branch in Beit She'an, said the local council had promised to lower municipal taxes, while the Environment Ministry waived its demands for the implementation of anti-pollution measures, and the employees offered to work just one shift instead of two.

Kabalo said the offers had no effect and management insisted that its decision to close the finishing department and dismiss 110 of the 180 workers at the plant was

Levy told The Jerusalem Post that the behavior of the company in announcing its decision without any prior warning or consultation was unpardonable.

"We are talking about entire families whose livelihoods are now at stake - people who have worked here honorably for years and who earn only minimum wages." said Levy.

"I have already spoken with the prime minister and told him the matter is serious and demands

immediate attention. These are people who are not looking for butter on their bread. They are among those in the country who seek only to earn their bread, rather than receive it as a gift," he The firm itself has blamed govemment policies for its financial

plight, especially its economic program which has kept the shekel high against the dollar and resulted in lower profits on the compa-

Ministry recently decided to give its orders for most IDF uniforms to a US supplier instead of to

Levy said there was no doubt that some of the monetary policies were causing problems and that what was happening at Beit She'an could herald a chain reaction in other places and industries. "I have warned against this

before and opposed the continuation of these policies. If something is not done about the exchange rate and the policy regarding interest rates, people will ultimately be hurt and those who will be hurt most will be the weak," he said.

Nevertheless, Kabalo said steps would be taken against the firm if it insisted on closing the plant. He said the Employment Service would re-examine permits allowing foreigners to work at plants of Kitan and its parent concern Clal, as well as other measures.

In the meantime, the ad-hoc committee of directors-general agreed on a series of steps to encourage the development of new firms on Beit She'an's industrial zone and expansion of exist-

It was also agreed in principle to establish a long-term program for the continued excavation and development of the ruins of the town's ancient Roman city.

Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky also intervened in the matter yesterday afternoon, calling on Kitan management to delay the closure for two or three months to enable those to be sacked to find alternative jobs.

It appeared that his efforts also failed, although there were reports that an agreement had been reached that the workers would be paid an additional month's salary, during



A soldier guards Rachel's Tomb, which will remain closed to Jewish worshipers, except for morning prayers, until October 24. However, the site was opened yesterday so that the Sadigora Rebbe could pray there. He was accompanied by Rabbi Shmuel Rabinovich, rabbi of the holy sites, Oded Weiner, director-general of the Holy Sites Authority, and Rabbi Haim Yitzhak Cohen, who

Liba'i to resign Knesset seat

Former justice minister wants to return to academia

FORMER justice minister David Liba'i (Labor) has announced he is giving up his Knesset seat to return to his academic work as a professor of law. He said he will submit his resignation to Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon on Sunday.

Under the Basic Law: The Government, his resignation will take effect 48 hours later. He is expected to be replaced by Eitan Cabel, of Rosh Ha'ayin, who was the aide to Binyamin Ben-Eliezer when he was housing minister.

Liba'i told Labor Party leader Shimon Peres on Wednesday that he had decided to leave "for personal reasons." He said he would of the party. He said his resigna-Sarid call on A-G to probe Yosef

AN attack by Shas mentor Ovadia

its judges has provoked a vehe-

ment response from Meretz leader

In a speech at a rabbinical con-

ference in Jerusalem this week,

Yosef, a former chief rabbi, blast-

ed the civil courts, saying: "Are these courts? They ran to feed the People of Israel corpses and

He called on the public not to

"The Supreme [Court] justices

- they call themselves supreme -

ruled that anyone - this is a

democracy - can bring in all sorts

of things from abroad, corpses

and abominations, and their

intent was to flood the Land of

Israel with corpses and abomina-

tions, until we were forced to cre-

ate a law - with God's help - to

rescind their counsel," Yosef

said, according to a recording of

the speech which reached Israel

He said the Supreme Court judges would not listen to requests

by the chief rabbis or respect their

opinions and said petitioning civil

use the civil courts and to appeal

to the religious courts instead

Yossi Sarid.

abominations."

tion is connected to the new law preventing MKs from working in their former fields while serving in the Knesset. The law bans MKs from giving even unpaid legal advice or from lecturing for pay in

Liba'i said he did not want to be completely cut off from the profession he would have to return to one day. "[However] just as I was active in the public, professional, and party fields before I was elected to the Knesset, I intend to to work within the party and public to further our policies in general and to strengthen the rule of law in particular," he said.

work as a lawyer and law professor at Tel Aviv University and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies for Law and Business in Herzliya, as well as continue to chair the Labor Party's law com-

Cabel was appointed by Yitzhak Rabin to the committee monitoring the construction freeze in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza, a position his describes as "a sensitive one having to balance the needs of residents with the freeze."

Cabel, 35, is a former chairman of the Labor faction in the Hebrew University's student union and was a former parliamentary aide to



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Court gives IDF and bereaved families time to reach accord

EVELYN GORDON

THE High Court of Justice yesterday gave the army and two sets of bereaved parents 30 days to try to reach an agreement regarding the mandate and composition of an inquiry commission into a 1992 training accident.

If no agreement is reached, the court will rule on the issue itself. However, Justice Aharon Barak implicitly advised the army to soften its stand, by noting that if no agreement were reached, he could always issue a show-cause order.

Barak, Yitzhak Zamir and Ya'acov Terkel were hearing a petition by the parents of soldiers Gil Tzuriano and Assaf Rosenberg, who fell to their deaths when a rescue helicopter's cable snapped during a drill. The parents were demanding the establishment of an external inquiry commission into the accident, after two internal committees had reached conflicting conclusions.

In an unprecedented move, the IDF agreed to this demand on Monday. The committee will be comprised of senior reserve officers and civilian experts and will be headed by a retired judge.

At yesterday's hearing, however, the parents told the court they still have some serious differences with the army regarding the commission.

According to the parents' attorney. Eliad Shraga, the most important dispute is over the extent of the commission's mandate. The army wants the mandate restricted to the causes of the accident, while the families also want the committee to look into possible wrongdoing during the inquiry process itself. For instance, the families said, it is highly suspicious that then OC Air Force Herzl Bodinger set up a second inquiry committee - whose findings completely contradicted those of the first - immediately after the High Court issued a show-cause order on the families' earlier petition against the army's refusal to prosecute various military personnel.

Artorney-General Michael Ben-Yair, in an affidavit to the court earlier this week, said his office had uncovered no evidence of wrongdoing during the earlier inquiries, and therefore saw no reason to extend the commission's mandate in this fashion. He stressed that two committees acting in good faith can still reach differing conclusions.

Another disagreement is over who will appoint the committee. The army's position is that it will allow the parents to propose nominees, but Chief of General Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak should have the final say. The parents want all appointments to be by agreement.

Finally, the parents want it made clear from the outset that the committee will be able to recommend sanctions on all levels: disciplinary, administrative (i.e. demotions) and criminal. Shraga said that from Ben-Yair's affidavit, it is unclear what authorities the committee will have in this regard.

The justices said the two sides should first try to reach agreement on these matters themselves, and therefore gave them 30 days in

LIAT COLLINS

for denouncing Supreme Court

courts was "against the Law of

Sarid said he generally made a huge effort to respect Yosef, but he could not ignore the "dangerous and ugly tone" of this speech. He called on the attorney general and police to investigate the speech "and decide what to do because you can't just ignore it as if it were never said."

Sarid said the speech delegitimized the authority of the Supreme Court, which undermined the foundations of the rule of law in the state. He also criticized him for saying the Supreme Court is "worse than the courts of gentiles."

He called on both Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and opposition. leader Shimon Peres, who have both met with Yosef recently, to explain to him

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their mouths with water, that water is spit, and that spit is in the face of the courts and in the face of the State and of each one of us and we don't want to and won't

the seriousness of what he said.

allow our faces to be spat on," Sarid said. However, Shas MK Shlomo Benizri said there was nothing new in Yosef's message and no

element of incitement. "He wrote the same things in his book as chief rabbi. He quoted the Shulhan Aruch, which quoted Maimonides, who quoted Gemara, which said that anyone who turned to secular, gentile courts was striking a blow at the Law of Moses. Going to religious courts does not undermine the rule of law because the right to turn to them is permitted by law. They have the right to abi-

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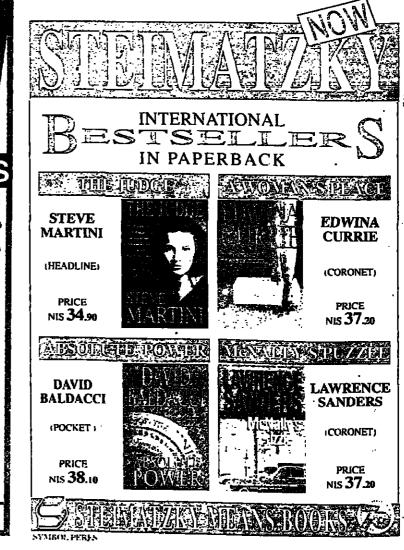
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